

Council Members Present (via Zoom):

Carlo Colella, Vice President, Administration and Finance (Chair)
Mary Hummel, Assistant Vice President, Student Affairs (in for Patty Perillo, Vice President, Student Affairs)
David Cronrath, Associate Provost
Maureen Kotlas, Executive Director, Department of Environmental Safety, Sustainability & Risk
Scott Lupin, Assoc Dir., Environmental Safety, Sustainability & Risk, & Dir., Office of Sustainability
Susan Corry, Manager, Engineering & Energy, Facilities Management
Bryan Quinn, Director of Technical Operation, Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering
David Cooper, Assistant Director of Operations, Division of IT
Eric Wachsmann, Prof., Materials Science and Engineering and Director, MD Energy Innovation Institute
Giovanni Baiocchi, Associate Professor, Geographical Sciences
Jennifer Hadden, Associate Professor, Government & Politics
Nina Jeffries, Undergraduate Student Representative
Nicole Barbour, Graduate Student Representative

Guests Present:

Kristy Long, Executive Director, Operations & Maintenance, FM

Meeting start time: 12:00pm

Meeting Highlights

Sustainability Fund Grant Recommendations

The Sustainability Fund Review Committee recommended grants for seven projects:

- **Green Dining COVID-19 Support**
 - Recommended grant: \$62,800
 - Council vote: Approved
- **Campus Creek Restoration Phase 2**
 - Recommended grant: \$50,000
 - Council vote: Approved
- **resilient Adaptive Climate Technology ThinkTank**
 - Recommended grant: \$35,000
 - Council vote: Ask the reACT team to submit a revised proposal with more detail, possibly including a request for funding for the installation of reACT near the Architecture building.
- **Heating and Cooling Systems for Carbon-free and Renewable Energy Districts on Campus**
 - Recommended grant: \$30,000

- Council vote: Kristy Long and others in FM will discuss the project with the proposers to determine if FM can support it. Tabled until further notice.
- **Including Estimates of Campus Forest Carbon in UMD’s Climate Action Plan (renewal)**
 - Recommended grant: \$26,453
 - Council vote: Approved
- **Virtual Global Sustainability Internships**
 - Recommended grant: \$22,100
 - Council vote: Approved on the condition that the proposer did not already receive a Teaching Innovation Grant for this same project (Later confirmed that the proposer did not receive that grant for this project)
- **Global Citizenship Program**
 - Recommended grant: \$17,550
 - Council vote: Approved

SustainableUMD Progress Hub

Office of Sustainability staff showed parts of a new Progress Hub, which features UMD sustainability data and stories. Council members offered several ideas for enhancements to the site:

- A “take action” section could be a nice addition – Giovanni
- Environmental news/updates upfront – Maureen
- OS should request stories from campus partners – Mary

Open Forum

- Nina reminded the Council that the SGA sent a letter to President Pines asking him to approve the Council’s recommendation to move the university’s carbon neutrality deadline to 2025. Carlo said in response that President Pines is reviewing the recommendation and they plan on discussing it soon.
- Nina asked if Council members could provide comments on a draft bill that would require public universities in Maryland to achieve carbon neutrality by 2025. Carlo said the Office of Government Relations would take lead on UMD’s response to the bill.

Adjourn 1:50 pm