

SC Spring Meeting Agenda and Notes
noon-2pm ET
March 23rd, 2024

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82257814451?pwd=S2YvWEVjY2VUSFNqVTJEVHBqOFERzZ09>

Introductions

Name, Location, Class year, Good part of the week

Attendees: Walt Galloway ('69), Courtney Horner ('24), Paul Safyan ('68), Abe Kruger ('04), Krista Egger ('04), Michael Rossotto ('84), Phillip Singerman ('65), Eli Sadow-Hasenberg ('24), John Petersen ('88), Bryn Kearney ('25), Dyaami D'Orazio ('16), Michael Lythcott ('70), Elise Paeffgen

Vote to Approve Meeting Agenda

Approved

Annual Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Responsibilities: Scheduling meetings (Oct 23rd, Mar 23rd ish 12-2), facilitating meetings, Summer fellows program process, communications with college/alumni office, search process for new steering committee members, annual report, finance subcommittee

Nominees:

Interim Chair: Walt Galloway - would also chair Finance Subcommittee / Approved

Vice Chair: Eli Sadow-Hasenberg / Approved

Interim Communications Subcommittee Co-Chairs: John Petersen, Walt Galloway / Approved

Membership and Nominations Subcommittee Chair: Paul Safyan / Approved

Subcommittee Reports

- **Membership and Nominations Subcommittee** ([Abe Kruger](#))
 - Welcome Dyaami!
 - Trying to get new members from the speakers from the Career series, newsletter, FB/LinkedIn
 - Looking for more SC members still, calling all SC members to reach out
- **Fellowship Subcommittee** (Krista Egger)
 - Application closes Mon, April 1
 - Meeting as subcommittee on Wed, April 3 to evaluate applicants
 - Then will email short description of students we recommend funding and have chair/vice chair sign off for the SC
 - Then will reach out to all students who applied and coordinate with college to get funding to selected students
 - Orientation call and support for students from SC subcommittee members
 - Group and individual check-ins throughout the summer
 - Have funding to have up to 4 fellows this summer
 - Gave group opportunity to share thoughts/ideas: Support/excitement shared from group!
 - Elise running email address

- The more people on the intro call the better - open to all SC members
- **Communications Subcommittee** ([Courtney Horner](#))
 - Newsletter: going well, getting positive responses, some technical issues with people joining email list but in the process of being remedied
 - Social Media: how to get more people involved?
 - EnviroAlums website: SC bios (last chance to submit if you want to include a bio), agenda from the fall, updated info
 - Communications on campus: CED, ENVS weekly newsletter for students
 - [ENVS yearly newsletter blurb](#) - links to notes/blurb from last year, anything specific that we want to include this year? Does the SC want to read before it's submitted?
 - Chair of subcommittee review (Walt, Eli, John)
 - Reiterating that we have an endowment (donations)
 - Include that bios are up, encourage people reaching out and highlighting new members and that we are recruiting 3-5 more folks who have capacity
- **Finance Subcommittee** ([Abe Kruger](#))
 - Chose 4 students because \$14,000 available for funding
 - Have \$19,000 total budget for this year (available until June 30th)
 - \$3,500 is max, sometimes students have asked for less, but this year each is the same amount (\$3,500) based on subcommittee experience
 - Get money from donations (fundraising campaign), draw from endowment (~\$8,000 this year)
 - Finance office separate from alumni association (feel now will be getting regular updates)
 - Endowment roughly \$200,000
 - Donations go to either endowment or operating fund (current use fund)
 - Trustees determine payout rate from the endowment (available as of July 1st)
 - Must use each year's draw from the Endowment Spending Account first, then can use our Current Use Account funds
 - What remains in Current Use Account rolls over from year to year.
 - Should have link to donate on the website (do we prioritize endowment growth or current use - SC decided in past to let people choose when donating)
 - College will not let EnviroAlums fundraise for ENVS directly
 - We can encourage donations to ENVS (don't want EnviroAlums and ENVS to be competitors) - fully intend to support ENVS
 - [EnviroAlums specific fundraising page](#) - specific webpage (Finance Subcommittee confirming this is active)
 - Fellowship budget and fiscal year not aligned
- **Ad hoc subcommittees**
 - N/A

Careers and the Environment Series (chorner@oberlin.edu)

- Going successfully so far
- 3 events this spring - EJ & Public Health, Conservation, and Urban Sustainability
- Hybrid format has been working

- Still one more event happening on April 10th at 7pm!

New Business

- Virtual/hybrid hangout with students and alumni - so people can get to know each other and build connections
- Dyaami will submit a proposal ^^

Adjourn

Notes taken by Courtney Horner, revised by Walt Galloway on 3/31/24