SC Fall Meeting Agenda
2pm - 4pm ET
October 28th, 2023

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

In attendance:
Michael Lythcott, Courtney Horner, Paul Safyan, Abe Kruger, Jeayoon Lee, Cria Anne Madigan
Kay, Michael Rossotto, Susan Bernat, Elise Paeffgen, John Petersen, Eli Sadow-Hasenberg

Vote to Approve Meeting Agenda
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Susan Bernat Update
- Announcing this as her final meeting as part of EnviroAlums SC
- Making room for other people to come on, but will stay in contact

Subcommittee Reports
- Membership and Nominations Subcommittee ([Abe Kruger](#))
  - Vote on Eli Sadow-Hasenberg (‘24) and Bryn Kearney (‘25) SC nominations
  - Both applications sent to all members of steering committee in advance of the meeting
  - Eli was elected effective immediately
  - Bryn was elected effective immediately
  - Other spots are still open on the Steering Committee
  - Search for potential candidates with media background or in energy sector
- Fellowship Subcommittee ([Jeayoon Lee](#))
  - Each of the students received about $3,500
  - Three fellows in 2023
  - Challenges faced by students/advice
    - Disorganization of organization that did prepare beforehand for fellow
    - Expectation of higher level mentorship, but ended up working with more entry level employees
    - Learning personal values of learning (individual, team-based, research, etc.)
  - How do fellows find internships?
    - Personal connections, online platforms, etc.
  - Students prefer more frequent and face-to-face communication with SC, instead of email
  - How do we screen sponsors?
- All reflections from fellows on the Oberlin EnviroAlums page to read further
  - Communications Subcommittee (Paul Safyan)
    - Paul stepping down as Chairperson
    - Bimonthly newsletter going out to email list
    - Need more ideas of what to feature in the newsletter
      - What is pertinent to include?
        - Honors projects, class projects, professor research, interviews on campus
          (Chris Nolan, new Sustainability Director)
        - Should we include articles in it?
    - Career Series - one scheduled Nov 9th, plan for Spring events
    - November: general panel of 5 speakers in assorted fields, in March 2-3 smaller events with less speakers at each but focused on more specific topics
    - Partnerships with Alumni Office, Office of Career Development, Oberlin Naturalist Club (student org)
    - Facebook and LinkedIn more active in communications
    - Guide for Future Intern in progress
    - Needs to meet regularly in anticipation of newsletter
    - In search of new committee chair
      - Walt Galloway recommended as new chair
  - Finance Subcommittee (Abe Kruger)
    - Trying to get account balances since April 2023
    - Two accounts: Operating Account and Endowment
    - Unsure how much money we have but have gotten two student requests for funding
    - Operating account balance estimated at $7,000 with a +/- $3,500
    - In contact with Terry Kurz in alumni office
    - A lot of staff turnover in the alumni office
  - Ad hoc subcommittees
    - None to report

Eli Sadow-Hasenberg Intro
  - 4th year ENVS major, Urban Sustainability/Food Systems
  - Interested in joining Fellowships Subcommittee

Scheduling 2024 SC Meetings
  - March 23rd, 2024 12-2pm EST
  - October 26th, 2024 12-2pm EST

Approved

New Business (Campus Update)
  - Important updates in OES (Office of Energy and Sustainability), exciting to have a new director
  - New dorm being built on Woodland St.
  - Can we use the building for educational purposes?
  - City Fresh leasing George Jones Farm at the moment
  - Lot of opportunities that hopefully can now be taken advantage of with new director
  - Abundance of student orgs doing env. work this semester