

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

Recording of the meeting is available [here](#).

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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

Approved

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

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