

Clean Energy Committee

11/14/14

1st Hearing of the Academic Year

Present: Thomas Mercado, Jeanne Rynne, Jesse Honiker, Nicholas Wooten, Yesha Maggi, Paisley Gallagher, Rhianna Hruska, Joe Martino

Proposal:

Joe Martino from RAD Services invoice

Install South Sound Solar panels

- wireless router to access information online (data collection set)
- panels in WA, compare panels, any issues with panels
- wants to make solar project available to faculty to incorporate the solar classes
- South Sound Solar will not track data, but will get email alerts about any info that may pose issues and call to check in
- clean panel every six months (RAD)
- sales tax not mentioned (can potentially be about \$60 more than invoice)
- can website label site as Evergreen State College on map (password protected)
- installed by South Sound Solar, maintained by RAD
- solar exposure on campus to see where to get most out of the money
- flyers as an idea of increasing visibility (like flyers or green-screens each month)
- RAD could post on Greener Commons or make their blog more visible
- links to evergreen.edu/sustainability
- enhances ideas that have been previously funded
- budgeted for \$17, 000 for the school year
- South Sound Solar founded by an Evergreen Alumni

Motion to Fund the Project

Current Projects:

- Bats at the Farm
- Solar Analysis at Evergreen

Sustainable Policy Group:

-Proposal: once a week meetings that bring students together to discuss policy recommendations that could improve aspects of campus

-platform to name any ideas

-encourage facts behind what needs to change (statistics/pros & cons)

-policies could go towards next CAP that gets written up

-could talk to people in WASHPIRG, GSU, or faculty

-look at current policies and where they came from

AASHE 2014 in Portland, OR

-Nick: valued the opportunity to talk to people from other institutions

-policy group idea mentioned in AASHE presentations

-connect with people on a broader scale → various interests in one

-Paisley: education to schools using terrarium → can be teaching tool (gardening model)

-expo hall -products that can be utilized on campus

-Yesha: value Evergreen's seminar system

-using buildings as a living lab & integrating into curriculum

-Tilth 2014 → organics certification

Farm Bill: switched money from subsidies to crop insurance

→ people will sometimes say crops were destroyed and sell in a different market

-SNAP benefits - if they buy fruits and vegetables then benefits area doubled compared to buying frozen food

-SNAP benefits in Olympia Farmers Market → considering doubling benefits