

GRADUATE STUDENT ORGANIZATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII' I AT MĀNOA

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Campus Greening Initiative

Section I PURPOSE

Greening initiatives have become both a global and local priority. Hawaii's beautiful natural environment and unique geographic location draws educators and researchers from across the globe. However, our geographic isolation and unique island ecosystem and society, will be most impacted by climate change and environmental damage. To continue as the destination of choice for exceptional graduate students and faculty, we must lead in practices that are sustainable for the environment and the university. We must demonstrate our commitment by reducing our ecological footprint starting with the UH Mānoa (UHM) campus.

With ever increasing energy costs alone, we must be innovative in the ways we operate. UHM, as the flagship campus, can lead the way for the UH system by becoming a beacon for sustainability, showing that there is economic and social benefit to implement sustainability initiatives. Now is the time for campus transformation. This means new opportunities for members of the UHM Graduate Student Organization (GSO), while increasing the prestige of the university. This proposal establishes a three year kick-start program (2009-2011) to fund GSO member led UHM campus greening projects, with the expectation that this initiative will become self-sustainable beyond initial GSO support.

Section II APPROPRIATIONS

A total of \$75,000 shall be allocated from the reserve funds of GSO's General Account (account number 325729) for the GSO Campus Greening Initiative Account (account number to be determined) for sustainability related campus improvement projects. Appropriations for projects shall require 1.) recommendation by the GSO Campus Greening Committee (CGC), which will then be brought for 2.) approval by a majority vote from the GSO Assembly.

The CGC chair shall be a GSO member appointed by the GSO president. The CGC shall be composed of the CGC chair and at least two other GSO members appointed by the CGC chair. The CGC chair shall only vote in the case of a tie. Criteria and priorities for funding shall be established by the CGC.

All members of the GSO are eligible to apply for project funding.

Projects considered may include but are not limited to on campus demonstration/education of technology for water and energy conservation, onsite renewable energy production with proven return (saving) on investment, and pollution reduction through commuting alternatives.

If funds are generated from said projects (including but not limited to sales of items, services, and energy) the project leaders are required to report the income given it's greater than \$100 in any given three month period. These are to be deposited into Campus Greening Revolving Fund Account (account number to be determined), unless amendments are made to allow this influx of funds further available for the project. The amendment is contingent on approval by the majority of the CGC. The rolling back of generated funds into the same project is not required to adhere to the per project allocation limits.

This fund may not be used to directly fund research, professional development or individual applicants (see GSO Grants and Awards Program)

Allocation per project limits:

Minimum of \$1,000

Maximum of \$10,000

Project funding is to be awarded as:

1. **Cash awards:** (as supposed to reimbursements, to facilitate efficient and expedited execution) up to a limit of \$2499. Additional funding is to be allotted upon agreed fulfillment of project milestone, up to the maximum allocation per project. The applicant must provide a detailed budget on how the fund will be used prior to consideration of the project.
2. **Purchase orders:** for large material or equipment purchases above \$2499.

Section III PROVISIONS

GSO and matching sponsors shall be recognized as sponsors of the approved projects.

Upon project completion, a summary/article shall be published in Ka Leo O Hawai'i and the GSO website.

Proposals for projects shall be submitted no later than March 31st, 2011.

Section IV

Unless further amendments are made, any unexpected or unencumbered balance of any appropriation of this act remaining in Campus Greening Initiative Account (account number to be determined) as of close of business on June 30th, 2011 shall be returned to the GSO General Account.

In order orchestrate and demonstrate that the program is self sustainable, savings and paybacks, if any, from projects should be deposited into Campus Greening Revolving Fund Account (account number to be determined). The revolving fund will follow the same rules regulating the Campus Greening Initiative Account (account number to be determined), except its unencumbered balance is not required to be returned to the GSO General account as of close of business day on June 30th, 2011.

SECTION V The GSO Treasurer and CGC chair are authorized to draw upon said account.

SECTION VI This act shall take effect upon approval by the GSO Assembly.

VOTE

Ayes: 39

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion Passed 39 - 0 - 0

ADOPTED BY THE GSO ASSEMBLY ON DECEMBER 1ST, 2008

Introduced by: Norman Wang, GSO Treasurer