# Environmental Service Fee Committee Meeting

## April 19, 2018

**Minutes**

1. Proposals
   1. Bobcat Clean Air Project funding proposal
      1. Problem: TCEQ monitor at a lower elevation than actual items to be tracked. Pollution blows from power station at the south toward Texas State. It is not currently known what the air quality level is at TXSTU
      2. ‘Particle Matter (PM) is extremely small particles and liquid droplets, that include a number of components: acids, organic chemicals, soil or dust particles, and metals.’
         1. Health effects: can go in to the lungs and effect health, cause diseases, and can affect mortality rates - especially respiratory issues, skin, mucous membrane, or the eyes. Third leading cause of death in US.
      3. Implement a homemade monitoring system which will project the collected data to a kiosk and a web app.
      4. Phase 1: September to December 2018 – Build audience, collect feedback, test equipment
      5. Phase 2: January to May 2019 – Project launch, data collection,
      6. Partnerships: Alkek Library, International Affairs, Graduate College, University Bookstore, and Meadows Center (Texas State); Sustainable San Marcos (NGO); City of San Marcos (Government)
      7. Examples and breakdown of kiosks and app.
      8. Web and social media: Already reserved website, Twitter, Pinterest, Facebook
      9. Budget total: $4,822.75
      10. How often do you have to access the roof? Hopefully not often.
      11. What is the project sustainability? At least four years, should be continued past that.
   2. Honors Hammock Haven funding proposal
      1. Problem: Hanging hammocks on trees on campus.
         1. Want to create a hammock hanging structure for students to use.
      2. Environmental impacts: Maintain the natural environment; lower the risk of injury; create a sense of outdoor community
      3. Nido (Austin-based company) will be the hammock structure.
         1. Cost: $4,950
      4. Not just for honors students
      5. $2,880 first year, and $2,300 following years from Honors College, as well as the space will be provided.
      6. Timeline: June to October – build the structure; January 2019 – grand opening.
      7. Charging station: GoCharge – solar charging station
         1. Vandal-proof, all-weather, 12 feet tall, 12 universal chargers and 8 USB ports
      8. Funds request: $9,995 (station); $995 (branding); $780.40 (shipping)
      9. Timeline: ordered in June, arrive before December, implement for the grand opening in January 2019
2. Discussion Items
   1. Discuss Bobcat Clean Air Project
   2. Discuss Honors Hammock Haven:
      1. Part I (hammock haven)
      2. Part II (solar chargers)
3. Votes
   1. Vote on the Bobcat Clean Air Project: vote to approve
   2. Vote on the Honors Hammock Haven
      1. Part I: Vote to approve (pending President’s approval)
      2. Part II: Vote to deny (request them to seek information and return)
4. Adjournment: 6:24 pm