

Resolution 33-36: The Green Grant Act

1. **Whereas:** The Sustainability Office does not have a designated fund available for students to develop Skidmore's Campus Sustainability Plan or for students to improve student life through sustainability efforts; AND
2. **Whereas:** The Sustainability Commission acts as senior advisor to the Student Government Association in all matters of sustainability as sustainable initiatives are not only environmental but also incorporated into economic and social spheres; AND
3. **Whereas:** The Student Government Association's Sustainability Commission recommends the SGA Senate create a Green Grant available for the student body to design sustainable initiatives that build on Skidmore's Campus Sustainability Plan while improving student life and encourage educational opportunities; THEREFORE BE IT

Resolved: Title § 308 Executive Commissions shall be amended; AND IT BE FURTHER

- a. § 308.2 The Sustainability Commission shall be the senior advisor to SGA on all matters of sustainability. The Commission shall be the primary student group responsible for educating and collaborating with students, faculty, staff and the administration with the intent to advance the commitment to sustainability. The Commission shall:
 - A. Be devoted to embracing all facets of sustainability and implementing policies that address campus challenges.
 - B. Coordinate and support student, faculty, staff, and administrative groups that work on sustainability-based initiatives.
 - C. Help streamline student efforts and campus initiatives addressing the goals of the Sustainability Strategic Plan.
 - D. Integrate student insight and propose policy recommendations to encourage Skidmore to reach its full potential while advocating for an inclusive, sustainable community.
 - E. Make policy recommendations to the Senate and other relevant campus groups regarding Sustainability initiatives.
 - F. Collaborate with the Skidmore Sustainability Office and sustainable organizations and/or clubs on matters of campus policy and initiatives, and to seek assistance on matters of the Campus Sustainability Plan.
 - G. The membership of the Sustainability Commission shall not exceed: One Sustainability Commissioner chair, one Sustainability Commission Vice Chair one Economic Representative, one Social and Humanities Representative, one Environmental Representative, one Committee on Inclusion and Outreach representative, and an additional member who may be appointed at the chair's discretion.
 - H. Oversee and advise the Leaders Summit to ensure all sustainable organizations and/or clubs are supported and provided a platform to collaborate.
 - a. The Leaders Summit shall be an active body that meets once a semester to: report to the Sustainability Commissioner on all active and potential sustainable projects for the academic school year, evaluate the Campus Sustainability Plan, serve as an open space for collaboration between representatives, and request additional assistance from the Sustainability Commission to execute sustainable projects.
 - b. The membership of the Leaders Summit shall consist of but is not limited to: the Sustainability Commission Chair as Chair, a representative from the Environmental Action Club, a representative from the Plastic-Free Zone Campaign, a representative from the Outing

Club, a representative from the Sustainability Office, a representative from Feedmore, and a representative from Ecomore. Additional representatives may be appointed at the Leaders Summit Chair's discretion.

I. Support the Sustainability Office by co-charing the Green Grant Review Committee and managing the Green Grant program.

a. The Green Grant is a competitive grant sponsored by Skidmore College's Student Government Association Sustainability Commission in collaboration with the Sustainability Office to support students in pursuing sustainable initiatives on-campus to improve student life and the environment.

b. All applicants will be required to fill out an application accessible through both the Sustainability Office's webpage and Skidsync. Only one application will need to be turned in for each group. The deadline for the application is the Friday before Thanksgiving Break at 12:00 am EST.

c. The Green Grant Review Committee consists of faculty, staff, and student representation. The committee members were chosen to encapsulate the interdisciplinary efforts within sustainability in consideration of Skidmore College. A majority vote within the committee will determine the final project chosen for funding. Only applications turned in by Thanksgiving Break will be reviewed by the committee and be eligible for partial, full, or no funding. A member of the committee cannot serve as an applicant or a faculty overseer for a Green Grant proposal; nor can they discuss information about Green Grant applications or decisions outside of designated meetings. The membership consists of but is not limited to: co-chaired by the Sustainability Commissioner and Sustainability Office Director or designee, Facilities Services representative, Leadership Activities Department Representative, and an appointed Student Representative.

d. The Sustainability Commission will hold an annual Green Grant workshop event in the fall semester to answer questions students may have about the Green Grant as well as serve as a networking opportunity to bring students together who may have similar sustainable initiatives. The Green Grant Review Committee members will also be encouraged to attend.

1. Resolved: The Student Government Association Bylaws Title VIII: Financial Policies and Procedures shall be amended; AND BE IT FURTHER

9.13. Green Grant

The Green Grant is a competitive grant sponsored by Skidmore College's Student Government Association Sustainability Commission in collaboration with the Sustainability Office to support students in pursuing sustainable initiatives on-campus to improve student life and the environment.

9.13.1. Proposals turned in on time will be reviewed by the Green Grant Review Committee.

9.13.2. A majority vote among the Green Grant Review Committee will determine a proposal's funding amount.

9.13.2. Proposals must be for one-time costs that will go towards initiatives that will improve student life and develop Skidmore's Sustainability Plan. While

initiatives need not include a Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity aspect, it is highly encouraged and will be prioritized.

9.13.3 The awarded group(s) are required to be overseen by a designated faculty advisor at Skidmore College throughout the entirety of the project appointed in their application. In addition, the group(s) must maintain check-ins with the chairs of the Green Grant Review Committee.

9.13.4 The Green Grant may not be allocated to any student's credit-bearing experience, nor may it be combined with other SGA funding.

9.13.5. Initiatives supported by the Green Grant must be student-led. For example, funds may not be used for projects that are primarily coordinated by a faculty member, staff member, department, or campus office.

9.13.6. After funds are allocated, students who receive funding must complete the project (or the relevant part for which funds are needed) by a date proposed to and approved by the Green Grant Review Committee. Once the project is completed, the student(s) must present their project and impact to the SGA Senate and Sustainability Office. Incomplete or inadequately finished projects may be subject to revocation of funding or required reimbursement to SGA.

9.13.7. All College regulations and SGA Financial Policies and Procedures must be followed.

9.13.8. Any publicity or printed/online materials used to promote or discuss the project must acknowledge the assistance of "SGA's Green Grant."

9.13.9. Maximum Allocation for a Proposal: \$10,000

2. **Resolved:** This resolution and the amendments wherein shall take effect immediately.



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