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Policy Council Meeting Wednesday, April 19, 2023

Attendees

Voting: Brad Morrison, Kawika Pierson, Sara Metcalf, Lees Stuntz, Jenson Goh, Bob Eberlein, Diana Fisher, Peter Hovmand, Allyson Beall King, Shayne Gary, Paul Newton, David Keith, Eliot Rich, Krys Stave, Timothy Clancy, Jeroen Struben

Non-voting: Billy Schoenberg, Paul Pfaffenbichler, Astrid Guehnemann, Willem Auping, JP, Meagan Colvin, Raquel Buzogany, Rebecca Niles

Agenda

0:05 Welcome and Agenda (Brad)
0:35 VP Meetings (Sara)
0:05 Motion for Ukraine (Sara)
0:05 Motions (Brad)
0:05 Dashboard (Rebecca)
0:10 Executive Director Update (Meagan)
0:15 VP Updates
0:10 Proposed SDR Category: Papers of Current Practice (Krys)
Adjournment

Minutes

President Brad Morrison brought the meeting to order and introduced the agenda. Bob asked if there could be an update from the nominating committee on the nominations committee.

VP Meetings, Sara Metcalf, introduced the discussion on the 2026 conference proposals from Vienna and Delft. Astrid and Paul pitched Vienna as the conference venue hosted by University of Natural Resources & Life Sciences Vienna, Universität Wien, and Vienna Convention Bureau. They presented images of the venue, location maps, and a detailed budget proposal. Willem pitched Delft with a venue hosted by TU Delft. He presented details about the location, the university, and a detailed budget proposal. Sara then shared the variables to be considered for decision, such as finances, attractiveness, and capacity flexibility. Discussion included travel costs carried by individuals, low-budget options for student attendees. Sara invites the PC to send input on these proposals, she'll submit a report with a recommendation around April 26th with voting finishing electronically around May 13th.

Sara then moved to waive the 2023 conference fees for anyone from Ukraine. Bob seconded. Motion passed.

Secretary, Lees Stuntz, moved to approve the March 29 PC meeting minutes. Sara Metcalf seconded. Motion passed.

Shayne Gary, member of the **nominations committee**, acknowledged that the committee is running late as they are struggling to meet. They hope to have the slate of candidates ready for the next PC meeting and are confident there will be no vacancies.

Shayne also asked the PC members to complete the survey to help provide info for the Executive Director review. Link to survey: https://unsw.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5ySiVrlMVeylOey

Executive Director, Rebecca Niles, highlighted the membership numbers on the dashboard. The tracking of membership is now more efficient with the 12-month membership. There is also potential for growth as shown from chapter and SIG members.

Meagan Colvin shared the university programs and courses databases update effort. She presented details on fields, degree levels, and countries. She also highlighted how the databases are being used and future potential.

VP Chapters & SIGs, Peter Hovmand, presented the VP OKR update that included some of the 2022 goals for chapters and SIGs. He also shared how the StFF process is improving.

VP Publications, Krys Stave, shared the proposal of a new SDR submission category called "Papers of Current Practice" focused on presenting an application of System Dynamics methods in practice in organizational, education, societal, and other settings to solve problems and build skills. The intent is to tap into practitioner resources allowing for shorter papers, having practitioners as reviewers, and with different review criteria. Discussion ensued with positive reactions about the introduction of this category. An open Pubs meeting will be held on May 4th, invitations have been sent.

Brad asked who would like to adjourn the meeting. Sara Metcalf moved. Krys Stave seconded. Motion passed.