

Student Environmental Initiatives Committee Charter

University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Statement of Purpose

This charter establishes guidelines for the Student Environmental Initiatives portion of the Facilities Fee at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. This portion of the fee shall be administered by the Student Environmental Initiatives Committee (SEIC) as a representative body of students, faculty, and staff. The mission of the committee is to identify, research, and recommend uses of funds supporting environmental stewardship and sustainability as well as clean and renewable energy technologies.

Governing Body

Membership in the Student Environmental Initiatives Committee shall consist of the following:

- Four (4) voting student members, serving a maximum of two (2) years. Student representatives shall be appointed by the President of the Student Government Association. At least one primary voting student member shall be a representative from Students Promoting Environmental Action in Knoxville (SPEAK), so long as SPEAK remains a recognized student organization. A second voting student member shall be a representative from SPEAK or another recognized student environmental organization.
- Two (2) non-voting student members, serving a maximum of two (2) years. Student representatives shall be appointed by the President of the Student Government Association. These non-voting members may be voting members in the absence of a voting student member.
- Three (3) voting faculty and/or staff members. These members shall be appointed by the Facilities Fee Oversight Committee upon recommendation by the Chair of the Student Environmental Initiatives Committee.
- Two (2) ex-officio members: the Dean of Students and a staff member from Facilities Services as appointed by the Sustainability Manager. These may be voting members in the absence of a voting faculty/staff member(s).
- One (1) non-voting Chairperson, which shall be the Sustainability Manager or as appointed by the Facilities Fee Oversight Committee to be responsible for setting and facilitating meetings, tracking budget and costs against the Student Environmental Initiatives account, and delivering committee projects to the Facilities Oversight Committee.

A quorum of five (5) voting members must be present to conduct business.

In general, members should have reasonable knowledge of and concern for environmental sustainability and utility efficiency practices.

Committee Requirements

The Student Environmental Initiatives Fee Committee shall recommend allocation of funds according to the guidelines of SEIC, which will be established and maintained by SEIC.

Oversight

The Facilities Fee Oversight Committee shall have final approval authority of funds allocated after recommendation by the SEIC.