The ASUA Sustainability Committee is comprised of myself, as Director, and over 50 undergraduate and graduate interns. As a team, we have recently made significant progress on several projects, laid the foundation for new projects, continued to form extensive collaborations with both the UA and Tucson communities and broke ground on a demonstrative and productive native garden.

On April 13, 2009, the Student Service Fee Advisory Board allotted the ASUA Sustainability Committee $50,000 for one year to be used strictly for energy production purposes. I am writing to request permission to use $4,800 of the ASUA Sustainability student service fee allocation strictly with in ASUA Sustainability but for sustainability purposes outside direct energy production.

I request permission to use:

- $800 to provide a small stipend for an Associate Director and an Administrative Associate Director
- $2,000 to fund the continued development and upkeep of “One Tree Garden”
- $2,000 to fund sustainability educational activities for student interns

Justification is as follows:

- I ask permission to allocate $800 to be used as stipends for Associate Directors for the purpose of administrative support. Even though this year marks the inception of the ASUA Sustainability Internship program, students from all disciplines have demonstrated an overwhelming interest. Our program currently not only has 50 interns, but there is a student waiting list. To meet this increased demand, additional positions are being opened for the 2010 spring semester. Associate Directors will provide me with needed administrative support so that I can continue to ensure the long term success of the program.
- “One Tree Garden” is currently our most visual example of the progress our team has made. Initial ground breaking costs were minor and thus covered by our budget provided by ASUA. We have applied for a grant to cover part of development and upkeep costs. $2,000 would ensure
the continued progress of “One Tree Garden”. The full project proposal, approved by the Marshall Foundation, is available upon request.

- One of ASUA Sustainability’s main purposes is to provide students with hands-on learning experiences that will simultaneously increase campus environmental sustainability. I would like to be able to provide student interns with additional learning experiences (field trips to eco-villages, composting and gardening classes) but am currently unable to do so because of budget constraints. $2,000 would truly allow the expansion and enhancement of the educational component of the organization that is truly vital to our overall success.

I ask that you seriously consider my request to use $4,800 of the ASUA Sustainability student service fee for the purposes listed above. This will significantly enhance the overall experience for student interns.

Sincerely,
Lesley Ash, ASUA Sustainability Director