

Green University Coordinating Committee

February 11, 2008

Meeting Notes

10:00 am – 11:00 am

Conference Centre 6-305

Attendees:

Dr. Annie Booth, Associate Professor, Ecosystem Science and Management
Rob van Adrichem, Director, Media and Public Relations
Mark Thompson, Molecular Genetic Support Specialist and Graduate Student (CUPE rep)
Dr. Ken Wilkening, Associate Professor, International Studies
Dr. Arthur Fredeen, Associate Professor, Ecosystem Science and Management
Dr. Jim Randall, Acting Provost
Shelley Rennick, Director, Facilities Management
Dr. Gordon Martel, Acting Dean, College of Arts, Social and Health Sciences
Allan Berezny, Executive Director, University Advancement
Godfrey Medhurst, Director, Campus Planning and Capital Projects
Dr. Don Cozzetto, President and Vice-Chancellor
Danielle Smyth, Graduate Student

Regrets:

Marissa Balahura, PIRG
Dr. Ron Thring, Vice-Provost, Research and Graduate Programs
Dr. Balbinder Deo, Assistant Professor, Business
Colleen Smith, Acting Chief Financial Officer
Dr. Ian Hartley, Associate Dean, Graduate Programs
Dr. Bill McGill, Dean, College of Science and Management

Recorder: R. van Adrichem, Office of Communications

1. Approval of Agenda

- Addition of Item #5.5 Update from Danielle Smyth
- Addition of Item #5.6 BC Hydro Energy Management program

2. “City of Prince George GHG Plan”

- Jocelyn White provided members with an update on City of Prince George initiatives aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
- Questions from Committee members focused on Prince George's potential in attracting transit funding and the planned Community Energy System.

3. Approval of December 12, 2007 minutes

- Moved by G. Martel, seconded by S. Rennick – approved.

4. Business Arising

Green University Coordinator Position

- J. Randall reported that the intent is to post the position in advance of the next Green University Coordinating Committee meeting. The position description will be based on the summary circulated previously to members.

Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions

- D. Cozzetto reported that UNBC will play a role in the institute, recently announced by Premier Campbell in Vancouver.
- D. Cozzetto also stated that the University has already expressed interest in playing a lead role in a new Bioenergy Network that was announced by Premier Campbell in Prince George.

Request for Expressions of Interest for Bioenergy

- S. Rennick updated members with information about an RFEOI that had been issued, seeking information from companies that are interested in providing bioenergy on campus. Movement on this issue is expected by the end of the month.

5. New Business

5.1 Students for a Green University

- M. Thompson reported that this student group has been organized through PGPIRG (as opposed to the NUGSS or the GSS) as a grassroots association to discuss sustainability issues and programs for UNBC. The early focus is on composting and recycling.
- M. Thompson suggested that the group will likely bring ideas to the Green Committee for consideration.

5.2 Green Day Planning Update

- A. Fredeen and K. Wilkening provided an update on plans for the inaugural UNBC Green Day on March 20, 2008.
- Funding support was sought to cover some of the expected costs associated with presenting the event.

ACTION D. Cozzetto agreed to match funds raised by the students to a maximum of \$750.

5.3 STARS Pilot Project

- A. Booth reported that UNBC is one of only 5 institutions in Canada to participate in this North American pilot project, led by AASHE.
- Section one (education and research) will be due in December but information for sections two and three, covering operations and administration/finance respectively, is to be provided by May. An additional three sections will be released later.

ACTION A. Booth to coordinate the provision of UNBC information to AASHE. A. Booth will work with relevant departments to ensure information is accurate.

5.4 Free GHG emissions inventory for UNBC

- K. Wilkening reported that a former graduate student, Kyle Aben, is being trained to conduct greenhouse gas inventories and has offered to conduct an assessment of UNBC at no cost. This assessment is to be done at the ISO 14064 standard.

ACTION K. Wilkening to invite Mr. Aben to the next Green University Coordinating Committee meeting to present his proposal.

5.5 Update from Danielle Smyth

- D. Smyth reported that she will be working with other students to conduct a waste audit on campus on March 15. A transportation study is in the works but no date has been identified.
- D. Smyth also reported that she represented the University at the BC Regional Sustainable Campus conference, held recently in Kamloops. D. Smyth attended with fellow Committee member, M. Balahura.

5.6 BC Hydro Energy Management program

- J. Randall reported that BC Hydro has a program in place for subsidizing energy management positions. Information was handed out at the meeting.
- S. Rennick reported that Hydro provides a number of incentives related to energy management and an energy management assessment is well worth pursuing.

ACTION S. Rennick to contact BC Hydro about UNBC's participation in the energy management program.

6. Other Business

K. Wilkening reported that the next Committee meeting will conflict with Green Day and suggested that the meeting date be changed.

ACTION A. Rushton to arrange next Green Meeting for March 26.

Next Meeting: March 26, 2008, Details to be provided by A. Rushton.