

Green University Coordinating Committee

May 12, 2008

Meeting Notes

9:00 am – 10:00 am

Conference Centre 6-305

Attendees:

Allan Berezny, Executive Director, University Advancement
Dr. Annie Booth, Associate Professor, Ecosystem Science and Management
Eileen Bray, Chief Financial Officer
Rob van Adrichem, Director, Media and Public Relations
Dr. Balbinder Deo, Assistant Professor, Business
Dr. Arthur Fredeen, Associate Professor, Ecosystem Science and Management
Godfrey Medhurst, Director, Campus Planning and Capital Projects
Dr. Gordon Martel, Acting Dean, College of Arts, Social and Health Sciences
Dr. Don Cozzetto, President and Vice-Chancellor
Dr. Ron Thring, Vice-Provost, Research and Graduate Programs
Danielle Smyth, Graduate Student
Dr. Bill McGill, Dean, College of Science and Management
Dr. Ken Wilkening, Associate Professor, International Studies

Regrets:

Dr. Ian Hartley, Associate Dean, Graduate Programs
Marissa Balahura, PIRG
Dr. Jim Randall, Acting Provost
Shelley Rennick, Director, Facilities Management
Mark Thompson, Molecular Genetic Support Specialist and Graduate Student (CUPE rep)

Recorder: R. van Adrichem, Office of Communications

1. Approval of Agenda

- Addition of three items: 4.9 Projects in India; 5.0 Green Day Update; and 5.1 PICS Update.

2. Approval of April 21, 2008 minutes

- Deferred

3. Business Arising

3.1 Selection of UNBC Reps to external environmental committees

- K. Wilkening initiated discussion to ensure UNBC representation on environmental committees is coordinated.
- D. Cozzetto suggested that the Green Committee recommend appointments to President's Executive Council.

4. New Business

4.1 Residence

- A. Berezny described the lack of recycling options that were available for students leaving residence at the end of the spring semester and suggested that action be taken next year to provide students with options.

4.2 Youth Climate Action Initiatives for the Climate Action Secretariat – UNBC Visit

- G. Martel reported that Laura Cornish from the Climate Action Secretariat met with him and A. Booth to seek student involvement.

4.3 Farmer’s Market

- A. Booth suggested that UNBC consider offering space on campus for use by the weekly Prince George Farmer’s Market.
- D. Cozzetto advised that there are a number of political, liability, and precedent-setting issues that such a proposal represents.

4.4, 4.6, and 4.7 – Items related to the future of the Green Committee

- D. Cozzetto reminded members that the Green Committee is now about a year old, providing an opportune time for reflection about the membership and mandate of the committee.
- K. Wilkening suggested that the committee is still finding its way and that there is an emerging need for subcommittees.
- A. Booth suggested that those members of the UNBC community outside of the committee should also be consulted.
- A. Fredeen felt that the discussion should take place prior to the arrival of a Green University Coordinator.
- D. Cozzetto stated that there is a need for a strategic committee, with another structure required for overseeing the details of day-to-day activities.
- K. Wilkening added that he perceives value in combining the leadership of the universities with the grassroots.

ACTION The June meeting of the Green Committee will focus on the future of the Green Committee and include a NUGSS representative.

4.5 and 4.8 – Update on Renewable Energy Projects

- E. Bray reported on a recent retreat on the issue and that the project would supplement the existing Power Plant.
- D. Cozzetto reported that funding applications have been made for a total of \$8.5 million. The total project cost is estimated at \$12.5 million.
- A. Fredeen expressed his concerns about bioenergy but added that these also represent a research opportunity.
- A. Booth suggested that faculty should be consulted to facilitate the acquisition of greater funding.

5.0 Green Day Update

- A. Fredeen and K. Wilkening advised that the final report has been prepared by the students and is being held with the minutes of the meeting.
- D. Cozzetto suggested that the future planning of Green Day be put on the agenda for a fall meeting of the Green Committee.

5.1 PICS Update

- K. Wilkening reported on the work he and Stephen Dery of UNBC were doing to represent UNBC on the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions. He suggested that the University stay vigilant in ensuring its representation in funding announcements. For example, he stated that UNBC needed to make a special case for inclusion in the first round of eight graduate fellowships (yet to be announced).

Next Meeting: June 18, 2008, dedicated to the future of the Green University Committee.