

**Green University Planning Committee**

**November 28, 2008**

**Meeting Notes**

**8:30 to 10:00 am**

**Conference Centre 6-305**

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**Attendees:**

Mark Dale, Provost (Chair)  
Allan Berezny, Executive Director, University Advancement  
Annie Booth, Associate Professor, Ecosystem Science and Management  
Eileen Bray, Vice President Administration and Finance  
Leslie Burke, Buyer  
Balbinder Deo, Assistant Professor, Business  
Charles Jago, Interim President  
Shelley Rennick, Director, Facilities Management  
Danielle Smyth, Graduate Student  
Mark Thompson, Molecular Genetic Support Specialist and CUPE rep  
Rob van Adrichem, Director, Media and Public Relations  
Ken Wilkening, Associate Professor, International Studies  
John Young, Acting Dean, College of Arts, Social, and Health Sciences

**Regrets:**

Gail Fondahl, Vice President Research  
Arthur Fredeen, Associate Professor, Ecosystem Science and Management  
Ian Hartley, Associate Dean, Graduate Programs  
Bill McGill, Dean, College of Science and Management

**Recorder:** Stacey Linton, Office of University Advancement

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**1. Approval of Agenda**

- Approved

**2. Approval of Minutes – November 5, 2008**

- Approved

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**3. Statement of Green Objectives**

- No action

**4. Draft Self-Study Document**

- No action

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**5. UNBC Green Strategies**

- K Wilkening stated that the sub-committee created a discussion document meant to be accessible by the whole UNBC community, suggested the final document include

context, vision, objective then the strategies are used by the committee internally to complete the above

- Committee discussed merits of the paper

**MOTION: A Booth requested formal motion to adopt the discussion paper, seconded by B Deo – MOTION CARRIED**

## 6. UNBC Committee's Next Steps

- K Wilkening reviewed five recommended next steps
- A Booth suggested creating an explicit mechanism for communicating what is being done, allows for more support
- C Jago agreed with fees to encourage green alternatives, idea is out there and so far no backlash, and feels Go Beyond is a great student group
- R van Adrichem said NUGSS is considering a Green member, should also have Go Beyond member on this committee, there is a lot of momentum building
- C Jago suggested also looking outside the university for ideas
- R van Adrichem said funding should aim to cover the position of Sustainability Coordinator. He expressed his concern with mechanisms in recommendation #2, because we have momentum, have objectives and strategies, but need to answer how to move forward after the forum
- M Dale agreed we need action – decision implementation mechanisms as well as decision making mechanisms
- C Jago suggested workshop with motivated people to prioritize projects
- K Wilkening agreed workshop as the first next step
- A Berezny and S Rennick said there was a potential deadline regarding carbon neutrality and once that happens there will be significant reporting requirements
- C Jago pointed out universities have made significant commitments, so we have our own requirements as well as those of the government
- D Smyth and R van Adrichem gave Wed, January 21, 2009 as potential workshop date and suggested the following overview:
  - Half to full-day event
  - Official GoBeyond "launch"
  - Andrew Weaver as potential speaker
  - Jamie available that day for workshop
  - Idea of physical board(s) with list of priorities so people outside the workshop attendees could also vote on priorities
- A Booth suggested Go Beyond or PIRG could create the displays and should have them up for a week rather than just the day of the event

**ACTION: S Rennick to review Discussion Paper to pull out what is already being done and create a response document**

- D Smyth suggested creating a sub-committee on workshop planning
- Sub-committee volunteers:  
R van Adrichem, D Smyth, Eileen Bray, and K Wilkening (after January 5)

- A Booth suggested inviting other departments and Go Beyond to come to workshop with something to present e.g. displays / booths
- C Jago pointed out Jan 21 is a high opportunity date because of the Premier's event but it's also a risk if there is not enough impact

**ACTION: Committee members to email workshop agenda ideas to D Smyth**

## 7. Student Green Activity Update

### 7a: Grad U Pass

- D Smyth reported that the program passed, next looking for faculty/staff U Pass

### 7b: Go Beyond Workshop

- D Smyth said workshop offered training on action planning etc and there was an open space workshop where the agenda came from attendees, students left motivated, seems the student priorities align with the Next Steps document

### 7c: Green Committee Undergrad Representative

- R van Adrichem suggested a NUGSS rep and Go Beyond rep on Green Committee
- A Booth and C Jago suggested also considering a PG PIRG rep
- Committee agreement on having three student representatives

## 8. Waste Audit Outstanding Balance

- D Smyth said she received a donation of \$500 from BC Hydro for the project but almost \$500 still outstanding, so asking Green Committee to reimburse her
- Agreed

## 9. UNBC Collaborative Planning Workshop

- Recorder's note: see discussion within Item 6
- R van Adrichem said that we already have a lot of student input, so suggested focusing on ordering priorities at the workshop
- A Booth suggested also asking for timeframes (e.g. next year, 3 years, 10 years) to help measure importance
- M Dale suggested asking what people are willing to contribute to make these priorities happen

## 10. Other Business

- C Jago asked for committee input on rationale for an increase in the parking fee plus any other items to include (e.g. fee on disposable cups) – deadline is end of January 2009
- R van Adrichem suggested giving people an opportunity to vote at the workshop
- M Thompson said he has a paper regarding the psychology of perception that he will send to C Jago

**ACTION: K Wilkening, A Booth, B Deo, and M Thompson to create a proposal for the President**

**Next meeting will be January 9, 2009 at 8:30 am**