

Green University Planning Committee

August 23, 2007

Meeting Notes

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Conference Centre 6-217

Attendees:

Dr. Don Cozzetto, President and Vice-Chancellor
Dr. Ron Thring, Vice-Provost, Research and Graduate Programs
Dr. Jim Randall, Dean, College of Arts, Social and Health Sciences
Dr. Bill McGill, Dean, College of Science and Management
Dr. Ian Hartley, Associate Dean, Graduate Studies
Dr. Annie Booth, Associate Professor, Ecosystem Science and Management
Rob van Adrichem, Director, Communications and Public Relations
Dr. Balbinder Deo, Assistant Professor, Business
Dr. Gordon Martel, Professor, History Program
Mark Thompson, Molecular Genetic Support Specialist and Graduate Student
DR. Ken Wilkening, Associate Professor, International Studies
Godfrey Medhurst, Director, Planning and Capital Projects
Colleen Smith, Chief Financial Officer

Regrets:

Dr. Bill McGill, Dean, College of Science and Management
Shelley Rennick, Director, Facilities Management
Dr. Arthur Fredeen, Associate Professor, Ecosystem Science and Management
Danielle Smyth, Graduate Student

Guests:

Sharon Cochran, Vice-Provost, Special Projects
Carolyn Russell, Director, Student Success

Recorder: Sandra Earle, Office of Communications and Public Relations

1. Approval of Agenda

- Approved

2. Approval of July 6, 2007 minutes

- Approved

3. Introduction of new committee members

- Members introduced themselves including new committee members:
 - Balbinder Deo
 - Gordon Martel
 - Mark Thompson
 - Ken Wilkening

4. Verbal Master Plan Update

- Sharon Cochran distributed a draft copy of the university's Master Plan and discussed how UNBC as a "green" university relates to the Master Plan.

- Don Cozzetto concluded that all “green” projects need to be consistent with the Master Plan.
- To ensure that initiatives are not duplicated, it was suggested that the Master Plan be a recurring item on the “Green University” agenda to share information between the two committees.

ACTION: S. Earle to include on future agendas.

- Sharon Cochran is already working in collaboration with Shelley Rennick to avoid overlap of consultation etc.
- Sharon is to be invited to the next Green Committee meeting to present the appendices on the Prince George Campus Land-use Visions.

5. BC Hydro Innovation Challenge

- BC Hydro has invited UNBC to participate in the BC Hydro Innovation Challenge.
- The Power Smart Innovation Challenge is a chance for students, faculty and staff at participating BC post secondary institutions to get creative in the name of conservation. From September 10 to November 30, 2007, teams of two to four members who propose innovative energy solutions will be in the running for a \$5,000 first prize.
- Teams will be asked to tackle one of six challenges, ranging from how to foster a BC conservation culture, to how your institution might reduce energy consumption by more than 20 per cent.
- Comments:
 - PG PIRG would be a good co-sponsor.
 - All faculty and staff can participate.
 - Need senior leadership.
 - 1st and 2nd year students to be encouraged by faculty.
 - A mechanism is needed to communicate the project.

ACTION: Send an email to all faculty and staff from the Green Committee to encourage submissions.

- Monetary incentives (i.e. UNBC could match the prize and give to programs or reward for any submissions by groups).
- Dean McGill to bring project to the Dean’s group to discuss.
- Although the project seems Business or Engineering oriented, people across the programs are environmentally aware.
- Good basis for an education campaign of energy conservation.
- Incorporate the project into Orientation.

6. Review draft Terms of Reference

- Don Cozzetto and Rob van Adrichem drafted a Terms of Reference as a basis for discussion:
 - There are 4 faculty members on the committee and not 2 as stated.
 - Should the green initiative be part of the Embracing Chance; Promoting Excellence (ECPE) and its 6 priorities? Should the green initiative be a 7th ECPE element or be a distinct part of all 6 priorities?
 - For this to be successful, it must be part of the overall culture of the University.
 - ECPE came out of consultation with the community. Can a 7th priority be added without consultation?
 - Suggested that the Terms of Reference was not balanced (i.e. seems top-heavy and that the grass roots may feel imposed).
 - Ensure that the Green Committee is seen as an enabling body, not dictatorial.

- People will ask – Why get involved? What's in it for me? Need incentives on a personal level.
- Language is needed for a vision/philosophy statement that will promote incentives and involvement.
- Committee was asked to send feedback to Sandra Earle for consideration by Don Cozzetto and Rob van Adrichem for the re-draft of the Terms and Conditions.

ACTION: Don Cozzetto and Rob van Adrichem to re-draft Terms of Reference considering the above.

a) Green philosophy document

- Rob van Adrichem distributed a one page document incorporating Campus, Research, and Teaching
- This document will be able to be downloaded as a pdf from the green website

Remaining items tabled until next meeting.

Next meeting to be in the middle of September.