

Green University Planning Committee

November 14, 2007

Meeting Notes

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Conference Centre 6-307

Attendees:

Dr. Don Cozzetto, President and Vice-Chancellor
Dr. Ron Thring, Vice-Provost, Research and Graduate Programs
Dr. Bill McGill, Dean, College of Science and Management
Dr. Annie Booth, Associate Professor, Ecosystem Science and Management
Rob van Adrichem, Director, Communications 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
Danielle Smyth, Graduate Student
Marissa Balahura, PIRG

Regrets:

Colleen Smith, Acting Chief Financial Officer
Dr. Ian Hartley, Associate Dean, Graduate Studies
Dr. Balbinder Deo, Assistant Professor, Business
Dr. Jim Randall, Acting Provost
Dr. Gordon Martel, Acting Dean, College of Arts, Social and Health Sciences
Godfrey Medhurst, Director, Campus Planning and Capital Projects
Shelley Rennick, Director, Facilities Management

Guest:

Dr. Sharon Cochran, Vice-Provost, Special Projects

Recorder: Sandra Earle, Office of Communications and Public Relations

1. Update on Master Plan

- Sharon has consulted with the College Councils, Prince George City Council and the Lheidli T'enneh and will be meeting with the Regional District. Sharon is hoping to get feedback on the master plan components and the inclusion of an integrated sustainability plan.
- There will be no development on new Crown-grant lands as the lands are for teaching and learning only.
- There has been some rethinking of the use of the parking lots – perhaps future buildings with underground parking.
- The draft Master Plan incorporates sustainability.
- There is a need to strengthen the language for land use from “should” to “must”.
- There have been positive comments from the focus groups on energy and landscaping that will be considered in the Master Plan.
- The infrastructure behind all buildings will be examined.

2. Approval of Agenda

- Approved

3. Approval of September 24, 2007 minutes

- Approved

4. Business Arising

- The conference CD is not yet on the Green website.

ACTION: Rob van Adrichem to determine how conference CD will be linked from Green website.

- Membership in AASHE has been completed. Membership provides access the entire university.

ACTION: Rob van Adrichem to include instructions on how to access AASHE resources in Green website.

5. Coordinator Position

- This position has been approved by President's Executive Council.
- Discussion ensued including the following comments:
 - Suggested that the Provost Office fund the position for one year and then secure permanent funding thereafter.
 - The position should be a broad "Institutional" position.
 - The naming of the position to be consistent with the "Green" initiative.
 - One person should take ownership of the university's "Greening".
 - Suggested that the position be more of a Director than a Coordinator.
 - Perhaps position could be part of Provost Office (Shannon Barber's position which supported the legalities and policies of special projects). Provost also has staff to support this position.
 - Position needs to be in a visible location on campus.
 - Position to search for funding from grants for institutions to go "green" and therefore would be able to "pay back" position over time.
 - Hiring of grad students as support for this position may be possible.
 - Recommended position title could be "Director/Manager of the Green University Initiative".

ACTION: Don Cozzetto to speak to Jim Randall on:

- **funding for this position for one year**
- **determine with the Space Committee, a visible location for this position**
- **writing of the Position Description**
- **outcome of this action to be reported at next committee meeting**

6. Update on Green University Committee Structure

- See Proposed Organizational Structure, Version 2, October 29, 2007
- Create diagram in colour.
- Place audiences outside of the circle with arrows going both ways.
- Use the UNBC logo.
- Make the structure into an image (icon).

ACTION: Rob van Adrichem to arrange for revision of diagram.

7. Green Day 2008

- Monday, March 17, 2008 will be UNBC Green Day 2008.
- This date is the start of the spring break for high school students and recruiters will be on campus and available for tours.
- Planning and responsibilities will be disbursed to different university groups (i.e. NUGSS, PIRG) to be determined at a later date.

8. Report on Community Engagement

- See Report on Public Engagement on Greening the University - November 24, 2007 compiled by Annie Booth.
- In summary, those attending the focus groups were supportive of UNBC's efforts to be more green but suggested that greater communication was necessary and that it may be premature to claim that UNBC is "Canada's Green University."
- Main topics commented on were waste production, purchasing, energy, alternative energy services, cafeteria and waste production, alternative transportation, sustainable landscaping and facilities approach to green.
- Essential to have quick acknowledgement of responses to survey (i.e. acknowledge a source from the report and the action to ensue).
- CUPE and *Over the Edge* can have access to report as it is anonymous.
- UNBC must do more to communicate green successes to university and community.
- New UNBC homepage to include UNBC Green Tips and UNBC Green Facts.
- Annie Booth was thanked for her work on the green survey and report.

ACTION: Rob van Adrichem to create a Green Committee link on Green website to include committee minutes, membership and news.

- A Green University newsletter was suggested.

ACTION: Sandra Earle to add a Green component to the bi-weekly UNBC Bulletin, and make UNBC Green University the lead story in the next issue of the Bulletin, November 23, 2007.

9. Message from UNBC's CUPE Representative

- Mark Thompson, Molecular Genetic Support Specialist and Grad Student has received funding to investigate the sustainability of the amphibian population on the lands around UNBC.

10. Residence Recycling Program/Disposable, Non-biodegradable Items on Campus.

- A petition on *Styrofoam and Plastic Eradication* and *UNBC Residence Recycling* was presented to the committee by PIRG representative, Marissa Balahura.
- What are the residences throwing away?
- Marissa reported that exchange on beer containers was profitable.

11. Regular Scheduled Meeting Dates for Green Committee

- Suggested that committee meet once a month on a regular basis.

ACTION: Anne Rushton to work with committee members schedules to determine meeting dates.

12. Visiting Professor

- A professor is interested in visiting privileges for 5 months on the UNBC campus.
- This professor has been working as a Director of Sustainability at another institution and would be a valuable resource for UNBC's new Green position.

ACTION: Art Fredeen to check references and then Don Cozzetto will extend an invitation from the President's Office.