

**Green University Planning Committee**

**December 5, 2011**

**MINUTES**

**10:30am-12:00pm**

**Senate Chambers**

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**Guests**

Michael Stanyer, Students for a Green University

**Attendees**

Alex Lautensach, Assistant Professor, Education, Terrace Campus

Arthur Fredeen, Professor, Ecosystem Science and Management

Cam Bell, NUGSS

David Claus, Energy Manager

Danielle Smyth, Sustainability Manager

Eileen Bray, Vice President Administration and Finance

Ken Wilkening, Associate Professor, International Studies

Kyle Aben, PICS

Leslie Burke, Purchasing Agent

Mark Dale, Provost (Chair)

Nadia Nowak, NUGSS

Raman Deep Kaur, Graduate Student Representative

Rob van Adrichem, Vice-President External Relations

Sarah Foot, Alumni Representative

Sarah Boyd-Noel, PGPIRG

Trevor Fuson, CUPE

**Regrets:**

Daniel Ryan, Dean, College of Science and Management

George Iwama, President

Gail Fondahl, Vice-President Research

John Young, Dean, College of Arts, Social, and Health Sciences

Shelley Rennick, Director, Facilities Management

**Recorder:** Danielle Smyth, Sustainability Manager

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**1. Approval of Agenda**

Approved without additions.

**2. Approval of Minutes (November 17, 2011)**

Approved as written.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**3. Bio Electricity Proposal – D Claus**

- The University submitted a Bio Electricity Proposal to the ECOActionII Federal funding call on November 21; the grant would provide up to 50% of the funding for the project
- The scale and nature of the project would trigger a federal environmental review

- A new promotional video was created to accompany the proposal and be used as way to communicate to various groups about the project
  - A large part of the proposal focused on the educational and research dissemination piece of the project
  - First Nations have also been involved as there is a great deal of interest in similar projects that might also include research on forest management
  - A research budget was included in the proposal to explore topics such as community impacts, biochar, electricity generation, etc. and link with existing research interests
  - One member expressed that consultation earlier on would have been beneficial particularly on topics like Greenhouse gas impact, truck traffic on campus, etc.
  - It was raised that the GUPC is being consulted after the fact as opposed to being treated as a partner in the project
  - Other members agreed that the GUPC should be involved earlier on, however, the challenge is forecasting the upcoming issues to be discussed (i.e. what are the projects coming up in the next year that should be discussed now?)
  - One member raised concern that opportunities for community-based learning may be lost if faculty are not engaged in the project or involved in the conversation about the need to change academic structures
  - It was suggested that the Green Teaching Sub-committee address the topic of curriculum change and integration
  - The GUPC composition is set up to contemplate strategic opportunities, however, this has not been the case
- 4. New Member: Grad Student, Raman Deep Kaur – D Smyth**
- The new grad student representative was introduced to the committee.
- 5. Green Fund**
- a) Presentation: Compost Program** (information) – S Boyd
- A final report was provided through a PowerPoint presentation (see attached)
- b) Update: Geodesic Dome** (information) – C Bell and M Stayner
- An update was provided through a PowerPoint presentation (see attached)
  - Conditional approval stands until all conditions are met
- 6. Report on Sub-Committees/Working Groups – Subcommittee Chairs**
- Transit Pass Working Group: the appropriate paperwork has now been sent to the UNBC Finance Department
  - Green Fund Sub-Committee: a very valuable and productive meeting was held with the UNBC Childcare Society to provide detailed feedback on their third (unsuccessful) proposal. The group will be working on re-submitting a proposal for the January 2012 intake.
  - Energy Sub-Committee: An Energy Systems course was offered by Dr. Steve Helle during the Fall 2011 semester. Students debated issues relevant to renewable energy including proposals for snow cooling in the EFL and the Economics of Bioenergy. Cafeteria, Terrace and QRRC lighting upgrades are now complete.
  - Green Day Sub-committee: The Alumni Association will be involved with Green Day this year.
- 7. Roundtable** (information) – All members
- UNBC has submitted an application to host the Sustainability Education Across the Province Workshop; host institution to be announced in late December
  - The CTLT, NUGSS and the Green University Centre are hosting a Lunch and Learn in conjunction with goBEYOND's sustainability series

**Adjournment:** 12:00pm