

Green University Planning Committee

January 20, 2012

MINUTES

10:30am-12:00pm

Senate Chambers

Attendees

Alex Lautensach, Assistant Professor, Education, Terrace Campus
Arthur Fredeen, Professor, Ecosystem Science and Management
Cam Bell, NUGSS
Danielle Smyth, Sustainability Manager
Eileen Bray, Vice President Administration and Finance
Gail Fondahl, Vice-President Research
Ken Wilkening, Associate Professor, International Studies
Kyle Aben, PICS
Mark Dale, Provost (Chair)
Nadia Nowak, NUGSS
Sarah Foot, Alumni Representative
Shelley Rennick, Director, Facilities Management

Regrets:

David Claus, Energy Manager
Daniel Ryan, Dean, College of Science and Management
John Young, Dean, College of Arts, Social, and Health Sciences
Rob van Adrichem, Vice-President External Relations
Raman Deep Kaur, Graduate Student Representative
George Iwama, President
Trevor Fuson, CUPE
Leslie Burke, Purchasing Agent
Sarah Boyd-Noel, PGPIRG

Recorder: Danielle Smyth, Sustainability Manager

1. Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved with the following additions:

8. Student Attendance Requested at Sustainable Campuses Conference

2. Approval of Minutes (December 5, 2011)

Minutes approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

3. Carpool Policy – A Fredeen, D Smyth

- UNBC has had a carpool policy since 2006
- It was suggested that this policy be reviewed to address why there are currently no registered users of the carpool program
- The point was raised that perhaps there are other sustainable modes of transportation that would be useful to track as well (i.e. snowshoeing, walking, etc.)
- It was suggested that we should assess how people are getting to campus more broadly

MOTION: That the Green University Planning Committee approves expanding the mandate of the Transit Pass Working Group to include other modes of sustainable transportation and renaming the group to be called "Green Transportation Working Group" (G Fondahl/K Wilkening)

4. **Sustainability Education Across the Province 2012** – D Smyth
 - UNBC has been selected as the host campus for SEAP 2012, a three day workshop for faculty to learn about sustainability education initiatives from across the province, connect to a growing network of campus sustainability educators, find support in developing sustainability projects.
 - A UNBC Steering Committee of faculty members has been created to plan the content and logistics for the workshop
 - The workshop will take place May 14-16 (avoiding any conflict with UNBC Convocation)
5. **Renewable Energy Update** – All Members
 - No updates
6. **Report on Sub-Committees/Working Groups** – Subcommittee Chairs
 - *Transit Pass Working Group*: no updates
 - *Green Fund Sub-Committee*: Proposals are currently out for the two week comment period to the GUPC; recommendations from the GFSC will be presented during the February 17 meeting.
 - *Energy Sub-Committee*: no updates.
 - *Green Day Sub-committee*: The theme of Green Day will be "Going Green in Your Own Backyard"
 - *Carbon Neutrality Sub-committee*: The first meeting was held and it was suggested that the CNSC take responsibility for the preparation of the Carbon Neutral Action Report. The CNSC also expressed interest in completing a full carbon footprint inventory. Monthly meetings will be held and regular reports will be made to the GUPC.
7. **Roundtable** (information) – All members
 - Facilities engaged in a "shut down" over the Christmas break which saved the University several thousand dollars in energy costs; all meters have now been installed as part of BC Hydro's continuous optimization program
 - NUGSS, the Centre for Teaching, Learning, and Technology and the Green University Centre are working with the goBEYOND campus climate network to participate in a Faculty Sustainability Lunch and Learn to be held on January 26 at UNBC
 - Report on Research: UNBC is seeking a CRC Chair in Renewable Energy; we are supporting researchers that are looking at the use of ash from the Bioenergy plant, to attend a conference; a proposal is being developed to purchase a second small scale gasifier for research purposes
8. **Student Attendance Requested at Sustainable Campuses Conference**
 - We have received a request to send a student delegate to present at the Sustainable Campuses Conference to be held at SFU from February 17-19
 - Cam Bell, Student and Associate Director for Campus Sustainability with NUGSS, requested sponsorship from the GUPC to attend
 - It was noted that the GUPC does not have a budget nor are there funds set aside to accommodate requests for travel to conferences or events in order to raise UNBC's profile as Canada's Green University
 - PICS offered support for Cam to attend the conference

- It was highlighted that opportunities to communicate UNBC's green initiatives at conferences, meetings, etc. are beneficial, particularly those that provide experiences for students
- It was suggested that a small amount of funding be set aside from the Green Fund to be made available to individuals representing UNBC at events and/or speaking at conferences related to "the Green University"
- A motion will be drafted to reflect this suggestion and be raised at the next meeting on February 17.

Adjournment: 11:30am