

Green University Planning Committee

June 29, 2012

MINUTES

10:30am-12:00pm

Room 6-307

Attendees

Alex Lautensach, Assistant Professor, Education, Terrace Campus
Alvaro Palazuelos, Sustainability Manager
Arthur Fredeen, Professor, Ecosystem Science and Management
Becky Dochstader, Undergraduate Student Representative
Gail Fondahl, Vice-President Research
Ken Wilkening, Associate Professor, International Studies
Kyle Aben, PICS
Mark Dale, Provost (Chair)
Rob van Adrichem, Vice-President External Relations
Sarah Boyd-Noel, PGPIRG
Sarah Foot, Alumni Representative
Trevor Fuson, CUPE

Regrets:

Belinda Larisch, Renewable Energy Academic Advisor
Cam Bell, NUGSS
Daniel Ryan, Dean, College of Science and Management
David Claus, Energy Manager
Eileen Bray, Vice President Administration and Finance
George Iwama, President
Geoff de Ruiter, Graduate Student Representative
John Young, Dean, College of Arts, Social, and Health Sciences
Leslie Burke, Purchasing Agent
Shelley Rennick, Director, Facilities Management

Recorder: Alvaro Palazuelos, Sustainability Manager

1. Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved without changes

2. Approval of Minutes (May 18, 2012)

Minutes approved without additions

NEW BUSINESS:

3. Update on Campus Food Strategy – Nitha Karanja

- Presentation attached
- A meeting of the Food Strategy Subcommittee will be scheduled to coordinate efforts between all the different groups working on food related issues.

4. Green Strategy Phase I Report – Alvaro Palazuelos

- Diagram of how UNBC makes decisions about sustainability changed to “How the GUPC makes decisions about sustainability”.

- Full report will be presented to the GUPC in the September 2012 meeting

5. Biking Facilities – Alvaro Palazuelos

- Comments and concerns of bikers presented to the GUPC.
- Sheltered Biking storage facilities identified as the number 1 priority
- A green fund application will be submitted in the September 2012 intake to build sheltered storage for bikes.

6. Green Fund Proposals – Ken Wilkening

- UNBC Campus Food Strategy Group proposal – Approved

Motion: The funding of this project does not become a precedent of the Green Fund funding travel expenses for conferences. The GUPC must develop a policy for the Green Fund and travel expenses. (Gail Fondahl/Arthur Fredeen)

- University Farmer's Market Proposal – Approved
- Compost Volume Assessment and Report Proposal – Not Approved
 - Half of this project will be funded instead by the Office of Research.
 - The half of this project which was not funded will be re-evaluated once the compost volume assessment research is completed. If necessary, this part of the proposal will be submitted again for the January 2013 Green Fund intake.

7. Subcommittees and working groups

- No updates

8. Roundtable

- Rob Van Adricham:
 - Expand the role of UNBC in Bioenergy and Carbon Policy discussions
 - For UNBC to become a leader in public education concerning bioenergy
 - Host a series of lectures/workshops about energy in Northern BC
- Alex Lautensach:
 - Public hearings on the Enbridge pipeline have been in full swing in the region for a couple of months now. Alex gave a 10 minute presentation to the panel in May, 2012. Many citizens with different backgrounds gave presented their points of view. They expressed unanimous opposition to the Enbridge pipeline project for a variety of different reasons. The government has now removed all decision-making power from the panel.
 - The NW campus is currently between regional directors. Alex has prepared a list of items about sustainable operations to discuss with the new regional director.

- Sarah Foot:

Motion: Establish the length of the term of the Alumni Representative position at the GUPC to be 2 years with the possibility of renewal. *Motion passed.* (Gail Fondahl/Ken Wilkening)

- Kyle Aben: we are applying for funding from the Fraser Basin Council to install a two-station electric car charger in parking lot A.

- Sarah Boyd: Artists in the Garden update. Part of this event will take place at UNBC. UNBC decided to co-sponsor this event.

- Alvaro Palazuelos:

- Transit: following up on conversations with the City of Prince George Transit Supervisor to install a pro-pass for faculty and staff

- High School Environmental Education: Presented a project proposal to start an environmental education project with grade 12 students in Prince George.

- Graduate Student Position: Raman Deep resigned her position as graduate student representative at the GUPC. Geoff de Ruiter has been selected by the Graduate Student Society to replace her.