

**Green University Planning Committee  
November 15, 2013**

**Minutes**

**1:00-2:30pm**

**Room 6-307**

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**Attendees:**

Amanda Drew, Energy Technician  
Arthur Fredeun, Professor, Ecosystem Science and Management  
David Claus, Assistant Director, Facilities Management (Acting Chair)  
Eileen Bray, Vice President Administration and Finance  
Geoff de Ruiter, Alumni Representative  
Ken Wilkening, Associate Professor, International Studies  
Kyle Aben, PICS  
Kyrke Gaudreau, Sustainability Manager  
Leslie Burke, Purchasing Agent  
Mark Dale, Provost  
Mike Dewar, Graduate Student Representative  
Mike Watson, NUGSS  
Rob van Adrichem, Vice-President External Relations  
Sarah Boyd-Noel, PGPIRG  
Shelley Rennick, Director, Facilities Management  
Trevor Fuson, CUPE

**Regrets:**

Adam Thomas, First Nations Representative  
Alex Lautensach, Assistant Professor, Education, Terrace Campus  
Becky Dochstader, Undergraduate Student Representative  
Blanca Schorcht, Dean, College of Arts, Social, and Health Sciences  
Daniel Ryan, Dean, College of Science and Management  
George Iwama, President and Vice Chancellor  
Ranjana Bird, Vice-President Research

**Guest:**

Jordan Carlson

**Recorder:** Kyrke Gaudreau

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1. Approval of Agenda
  - Approved
2. Approval of Minutes – October 11
  - Approved (K Aben/L Burke)

**NEW BUSINESS:**

3. Iceland Green Fund project summary - J Carlson

4. Green Day update – K Gaudreau
  - Theme – Past, Present, Future.
  - Interviewing for Green Day intern beginning Week of Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>.
  
5. UNBC 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary update – R van Adrichem
  - Theme around Canada's Green University
  - Rob hoping to have someone from GUPC join 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary working group. Sustainability Manager possible good choice.
  - Upcoming call for proposals for 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary projects. University could provide some matching funds (coming from surplus from last fiscal year)
  - Potential for applicants to combine Green Fund money with 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary fund.
  - Those interested in being involved can speak with Rob.
  
6. Canada Winter Games update – R van Adrichem
  - Canada Winter Games (CWG) and UNBC developing new UNBC position: Sustainability Manager (Canada Games and Legacy). Hybrid position similar to current Sustainability Manager. 18 months in duration with anticipated start date of January 2014, contingent on funding.
  - Help UNBC ensure success of Prince George centennial and CWG (as well as our 25<sup>th</sup>), and help attract athletes to UNBC.
  - UNBC to provide \$20,000: taken from residual funding in Green Fund due to unspent sustainability manager funds. CWG is responsible for finding remaining funds (anticipated \$100,000). UNBC to leverage funding 5:1.
  - Concerns raised about position and interest of CWG vis-à-vis sustainability and carbon neutrality.
  - Interest expressed to begin discussing opening up of Green Fund to larger projects.
  
7. Discussion of irrigation system – K Wilkening
  - Members of CASHS have questions about irrigation system and how it fits into Canada's Green University
  - S Rennick: project came about as a result of numerous complaints from staff and faculty on upkeep around campus and our grounds. Automation required to maintain and improve appearances given current resource constraints. Phase 1 is irrigation system. Phase 2 will explore water harvesting on campus.
  - D Claus: Facilities recognizes the expertise on campus and those with comments are welcome to talk to Facilities.
  
8. Campus Food Strategy Group – M Dewar
  - Small working group has been struck to develop a food vision and strategy specific to UNBC context.
  - Hoping to have draft vision and strategy developed by Green Day, so as to have broader stakeholder input.
  - R van Adrichem – Suggested upcoming GUPC meeting be about food.
  
9. Report on Subcommittees
  - K Aben – Carbon neutral: Announcement to be made shortly related to government and carbon neutrality.
  - A Drew – Energy: Entering continuous optimization. Over \$200,000 worth of projects identified with a 1.4 year payback. March 2015 implementation deadline. Primary focus on building schedules

## **10. Roundtable (information) – All members**

- G de Ruyter – Interest in micro-housing projects.
- M Watson – NUGSS rep: Dome Greenhouse still not up and delayed for some more time. Looking to raise funds.
- S Boyd-Noel – ongoing conversations with K Gaudreau re: institutional level composting. UNBC keen for composting at events. Need to ensure student engagement and research opportunities. Need to synthesize already available information. Potential to have meeting with identified stakeholders.

Adjournment: 2:30 pm