

Green University Planning Committee

June 17, 2010

MINUTES

2:30-4:00pm

Senate

Attendees:

Mark Dale, Provost (Chair)
Rob van Adrichem, Vice-President External Relations
Bill McGill, Dean, College of Science and Management
Arthur Fredeen, Associate Professor, Ecosystem Science and Management
Shelley Rennick, Director, Facilities Management
Danielle Smyth, Green University Research Project Manager
Kyle Aben, PICS
Anke Krey, Graduate Student
Trevor Fuson, CUPE
Nick Ehlers, PGPIRG

Regrets:

George Iwama, President
Eileen Bray, Vice President Administration and Finance
Gail Fondahl, Vice-President Research
John Young, Dean, College of Arts, Social, and Health Sciences
Ken Wilkening, Associate Professor, International Studies
Alex Lautensach, Assistant Professor, Education, Terrace Campus
Nadia Nowak, NUGSS
Alexie Stephens, NUGSS

Absent:

Balbinder Deo, Assistant Professor, Business

Recorder: Danielle Smyth, Green University Research Project Manager

1. Approval of Agenda

- Additions: # 4: Idle Free Vehicle Policy
- Approved with additions

2. Updates

• **Green University Newsletter**

- D. Smyth encouraged GUPC members to contribute stories and events to the newsletter on a monthly basis.
- R. van Adrichem requested that the last story in each newsletter issue be an update on the Biomass Gasification Facility construction (including pictures).

• **UNBC Bike to Work Week Team**

- D. Smyth reported that during the week of May 31-June 6, the 45 member UNBC Bike to Work Week Team cycled a combine 2,000 km! Special thank you to

President Iwama for demonstrating his support for the team by providing lunch and coffee throughout the week.

- **Climate Action Secretariat Event at UNBC**

- D. Smyth reported that the BC Climate Action Secretariat will be hosting an event at UNBC June 22-23 titled *Small Steps and Big Leaps: Climate Action Mobilization in the Cariboo-Prince George Region*. The event will involve moderated dialogue and training sessions related to local actions on climate change. Attendees will include various sector leaders, including representatives from UNBC, Northern Health, local government and NGOs as well as members of the broader community.
- K. Aben noted that PICS will be hosting an event in conjunction with the workshop on the evening of June 21.
- Inquiries on either event should be directed to D. Smyth or K. Aben

3. Green Fund Sub-Committee Recommendations– K. Aben, S. Rennick, N. Ehlers

- D. Smyth announced that the Green Fund Sub-committee had completed its evaluation of the first round of proposals and recommended funding the PGPIRG Compost Program for \$5,000 and the Residence Recycling Project for \$10,000.
- S. Rennick commented that the number and quality of proposals was very impressive and that the sub-committee agreed that the proposals with the greatest extent of impact would be funded.
- T. Fuson suggested that GUPC members should have the opportunity to view and provide feedback on the proposals before they are passed onto the sub-committee
- M. Dale suggested that GUPC members send their comments to the sub-committee electronically.
- S. Rennick noted that GUPC members could use the same “rank form” as the sub-committee
- R. van Adrichem inquired about what awarded funds for the Residence Recycling proposal would be spent on
- S. Rennick clarified that these funds will be allocated to in-suite recycling bins and two Green RA positions in residence.
- R. van Adrichem suggested that the GUPC or M. Dale draft a letter to the City of PG requesting support for the creation of a UNBC staff/faculty transit pass.

ACTION: M. Dale to draft letter to City of PG requesting cooperation on implementing an employee transit pass.

- D. Smyth expressed concern that some proposals were worthy of being funded but did not fit the criteria of the Green Fund. D. Smyth commented that there needs to be a system in place for ensuring that such proposals are forwarded to the appropriate program or department.
- M. Dale suggested that proposals that are suitable for funding from alternative sources should be collected at the end of the year (following 3 intake periods) and reviewed.
- M. Dale also noted that once PEC has confirmed their decision, feedback letters should be provided from the GUPC on each proposal.

MOTION: GUPC to approve the recommendation of the Green Fund Sub-Committee to fund the PGPIRG Compost program (\$5,000) and the Residence Recycling Project (\$15,000).

ACTION: D. Smyth to provide M. Dale's office with GUPC recommendations which will be brought to PEC for approval ASAP.

4. Idle Free Vehicle Policy

- D. Smyth presented a draft Idle Free Vehicle Policy for UNBC which was developed based on a review of existing anti-idling policies at other institutions and municipalities.
- D. Smyth commented that such a policy would be relatively easy to implement (i.e. signage already in place, BC transit and Shipping and Receiving already practices anti-idling procedures)
- B. McGill noted that the policy should be re-worded to include all fuel sources not just fossil-fuels as stated.
- R. van Adrichem suggested that the draft be re-worded to include all UNBC Regional campuses not just the Prince George campus.
- R. van Adrichem also suggested a penalty or levee for drivers that are found idling
- S. Rennick noted that fines do not require approval whereas fees do.
- B. McGill commented that universities and colleges are not permitted to levy fines.
- M. Dale suggested that the GUPC investigate the issue of fines further.

ACTION: D. Smyth will be consulting the Purchasing Department for guidance on how to proceed. GUPC members to send feedback to D. Smyth by **June 29**.

Adjournment: 3:45pm