

Green University Planning Committee

April 23, 2015

Minutes

1:00-2:30pm

Room 6-307

Attendees:

Amanda Drew, Energy Technician
Arthur Fredeen, Professor, Ecosystem Science and Management
David Claus, Assistant Director, Facilities Management (Acting Chair)
Emily Harrison, Canada Winter Games Sustainability Manager
Ken Wilkening, Associate Professor, International Studies
Kristen Kieta, GSS Sustainability
Kyrke Gaudreau, Sustainability Manager
Melanie Anderson, SGU Vice President
Michael Watson, Former NUGSS Sustainability
Sarah Boyd, PGPIRG Executive Director
Trevor Fuson, CUPE Representative

Regrets:

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
Daniel Weeks, President
Geoff de Ruiter, Alumni Representative
John Young, Acting Provost
Kyle Aben, PICS Coordinator
Leslie Burke, Purchasing Agent
Mark Dale, Dean, Regional Campuses
Ranjana Bird, Vice-President Research
Rob van Adrichem, Vice-President External Relations
Shelley Rennick, Director, Facilities Management
Torrye McKenzie, NUGSS Sustainability

Recorder: Angela Kehler

COMMENCEMENT: 1:00PM

1. Approval of Agenda
 - Approved (M Anderson / M Watson)
2. Approval of Minutes – February 11, 2015
 - Approved (A Fredeen / S Boyd)

NEW BUSINESS:

3. Winter Cities Conference presentation – M Watson
 - Attended planning conference in Edmonton.

- Ideas for consideration at UNBC: green wall; making outside landscape more useable; expanding cycling infrastructure; collecting data when upgrading infrastructure and designing landscapes.
4. Green Fund sub-committee membership renewal – K Wilkening
 - New term for subcommittee begins May 1
 - K Benny (student rep) and K Wilkening (chair) stepping down. Need to fill 2 positions
 - K Gaudreau: Important to bring in new members to sub-committee and GUPC.
 - D Claus: Facilities and Purchasing representatives are important to give specific feedback.
 - D Claus or L Burke to chair sub-committee
 - **Motion to renew membership of D Claus, L Burke, and M Mandy on Green Fund sub-committee, and add M Anderson as student member (A Fredeen / K Kieta)**
 - Carried

 5. Forestry Club Green Grant presentation – Brian Sye and Jeremy Siewert
 - The Forestry Club was invited to respond to concerns raised by the GUPC regarding their proposal. They submitted a written response and highlighted the following:
 - Aleza Lake does not have equipment to loan out. Forestry Club wishes to buy own own
 - To maintain long-term management, Forestry Club will create executive position for Christmas tree farm manager.
 - Club members will take BC Forest Council safety courses to ensure students follow necessary procedures.
 - B Sye: Update on site selection: site has had significant disturbance, including removal of topsoil. Potential for site remediation and involving other courses.
 - **Motion to approve Forestry Club Green Fund application (M Watson / A Drew)**
 - Carried

 6. Roundtable
 - E Harrison – Contract finishes April 30. Big thank you to all who helped with CWG.
 - M Anderson – PGPIRG garden and dome greenhouse not funded by Canada Summer Jobs, no funding for student gardeners available
 - S Boyd – Compost program to receive \$3750 from UNBC Administration to continue over the summer.
 - K Gaudreau – Earth Day pledge competition, 30 people participated, social media help from M Anderson and Scott McWalter.
 - K Gaudreau – Sustainability talk with Grade 11 class in Fraser Lake, sustainability audit, project to get rid of disposable dishes at cafeteria or water bottles
 - A Drew – Earth Hour in late sweep the lights, turned off non-essential lighting, documented missed lights (lights not turned off). Saved 13% compared to the next day (over 3 hours). Potential to save \$18,000 by improving scheduling.
 - A Drew – Calling out for Green Champions on campus to plan conservation events, promote behavior change.
 - M Watson – Waste audit data collection finished.
 - D Claus – Engineering student design project focused on designing compost system. Interested in data when available.
 - A Fredeen – Will bring projects together in one report

MEETING ADJOURNED: 2:30PM