

Green University Planning Committee

February 11, 2015

Minutes

2:30-4:00pm

Room 8-161

Attendees:

Alex Lautensach, Assistant Professor, Education, Terrace Campus
Amanda Drew, Energy Technician
Arthur Fredeen, Professor, Ecosystem Science and Management
David Claus, Assistant Director, Facilities Management
Geoff de Ruiter, Alumni Representative
Ken Wilkening, Associate Professor, International Studies
Kristen Kieta, GSS Sustainability
Kyle Aben, PICS Coordinator
Kyrke Gaudreau, Sustainability Manager
Leslie Burke, Purchasing Agent
Mark Dale, Dean, Regional Campuses (Acting Chair)
Melanie Anderson, SGU Representative
Michael Watson, NUGSS Sustainability
Sarah Boyd, PGPIRG Executive Director
Trevor Fuson, CUPE Representative

Regrets:

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
Emily Harrison, Canada Winter Games Sustainability Manager
Eileen Bray, Vice President Administration and Finance
John Young, Acting Provost
Ranjana Bird, Vice-President Research
Rob van Adrichem, Vice-President External Relations
Shelley Rennick, Director, Facilities Management

Recorder: Angela Kehler

COMMENCEMENT: 14:30

1. Approval of Agenda
 - Approved
2. Approval of Minutes – January 16, 2015
 - Approved

NEW BUSINESS:

3. Green Fund proposals – M Dale
 - Proposals recommended for submission to President's Executive Council for funding:
 - Food security at UNBC (Annie Booth)
 - Carried

- Naomi Klein visiting lecture (Zoe Meletis)
 - Carried
 - Borrow-A-Mug expansion (Angela Kehler)
 - Carried
- Proposals not discussed but recommended by the Green Fund Sub-committee for resubmission
 - Democracy link (Geoff de Ruiter)
 - Carried
 - Preservation of Wetland Areas on UNBC Lands (Jane Young)
 - Carried
 - Sustainable Paper Printing for the Installation and Convocation Program (Zarrah Holvick)
 - Carried
 - UNBC Increasing the Bzzzzz (Deidre Quinlan)
 - Carried
- Proposals not discussed and not recommended by the Green Fund Sub-committee for resubmission
 - Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions at the QRRRC (Sam Albers)
 - Carried
- UNBC Socially Responsible Investment Proposal (Thomas Cheney)
 - K Aben – This proposal will help us stand out as Canada’s Green University.
 - K Gaudreau – Important for GUPC to show leadership, even if it may lead to conflict. Working through Board of Governors as well, but multiple avenues needed.
 - K Wilkening – Concern about budget: expenses were listed as “up to” \$5000. This is a lot of money for a survey. More details on the survey required.
 - K Gaudreau - present to GUPC with refined budget.
 - K Wilkening - we can recommend with conditions, including: refining budget and timeline, improving outreach, including other stakeholders.
 - Motion: Working group to provide clear guidance to the proponents and ask them to present to GUPC for next meeting (T Whitcombe/D Claus).
 - Carried.
- UNBC Forestry Club Christmas Tree Farm (Brian Sye)
 - A Fredeen – Ensure this is a one time commitment for the Green Fund.
 - K Aben - Concern that Christmas tree farms are not sustainable and inappropriate for Green Fund.
 - M Anderson - Good opportunity to get involved on the ground level
 - A Fredeen – Students learning stewardship.
 - G de Ruiter – Concern about Green Fund supporting religious activities.
 - D Claus – Concern that public money will support private business.
 - M Watson – Revenue will support students in forestry program, establishing a grant to fund field skills courses.
 - Motion: approve proposal with conditions and ask proponents to present to GUPC in March (M Watson/A Fredeen):
 - Carried.
- Cerlox proposal (Kristen Kieta)
 - K Gaudreau - Approached by Finance department to address paper usage. Project can raise awareness around paper use on campus.
 - K Wilkening – Concern with sustainability of project. Currently a one-person show. Needs to show continuity and broader support.
 - K Kieta - Succession plan under sustainability representative portfolio with Graduate Student Society. Will be written into bylaws

- A Drew – Recommend undertaking audit to determine need before purchasing machine.
 - T Fuson - could possibly donate a Cerlox machine from his department
 - Motion: approve proposal with conditions and ask proponents to present to GUPC in March (A Fredeen/M Anderson):
 - Carried
4. Preliminary discussion of Green Fund approval process – All Members
- K Wilkening - Sub-committee generally not making a judgment on the topic, but rather evaluating the proposal itself. Recommendations are made to work on details, and improve implementation.
 - K Gaudreau - We are a small group, and can work with the proponents to speed up the process. Projects are sometimes time sensitive. Concerned that proposal rejection viewed negatively by proponents. Can shorten process and approve with conditions.
 - A Fredeen - Sub-committee gives recommendations. Very close proposals are in a separate category and GUPC empowered to make the decision, decision based on collective discussion.
 - M Dale - No guarantee of approval if conditions are not met.
 - K Wilkening – Concern with management: who will work with conditional approvals? Being strict up front puts onus on the proponent to improve proposal. Once it is approved, we don't have a manager to look after the process.
 - G de Ruitter – Timing is sometimes an issue with students, especially summer and September intakes.
5. Round table – All members
- M Anderson
 - UBC faculty voted in favour of divestment. Movement gaining interest across Canada.
 - A Drew
 - Workplace conservation awareness, Sweater Day was on Feb. 5. Achieved 9 percent electricity in savings over one week.
 - Will provide Energy update March 25 at 10am.
 - D Claus
 - Residence piping: building connections to occur in the spring
 - Changes to controls in power plant will reduce natural gas consumption.

ADJOURNMENT: 15.49