

Friday June 19, 2015

10:00-11:30am

Room 6-306

MINUTES

Attendees:

Amanda Drew, Energy Technician
Arthur Fredeen, Professor, Ecosystem Science and Management
David Claus, Assistant Director, Facilities Management (Acting Chair)
Geoff de Ruiter, Alumni Representative
Ken Wilkening, Associate Professor, International Studies
Kristen Kieta, GSS Sustainability
Kyle Aben, PICS Coordinator
Kyrke Gaudreau, Sustainability Manager
Robert Budde, Professor, English

Regrets:

Alex Lautensach, Assistant Professor, Education, Terrace Campus
Bill Krane, Provost
Blanca Schorcht, Dean, College of Arts, Social, and Health Sciences
Daniel Ryan, Dean, College of Science and Management
Daniel Weeks, President
Leslie Burke, Purchasing Agent
Melanie Anderson, SGU Vice-President
Mark Dale, Dean, Regional Campuses
Ranjana Bird, Vice-President Research
Raychill Snyder, Undergraduate Student Representative
Rob van Adrichem, Vice-President External Relations
Sarah Boyd, PGPIRG Executive Director
Shelley Rennick, Director, Facilities Management
Trevor Fuson, CUPE Representative

Recorder: Kyrke Gaudreau

1. Approval of Agenda
 - Approved (K Wilkening / G de Ruiter)
2. Approval of Minutes – April 23, 2015
 - Approved (K Aben / K Wilkening)

NEW BUSINESS:

3. Recognition of Service for K Wilkening and K Aben – All
 - The GUPC wishes to thank Ken Wilkening and Kyle Aben for all their service to the GUPC. We wish them all the best in their new endeavours (Kyle) and sabbatical (Ken).

4. Green Centre Research and Engagement Assistant – A Fredeen
 - Proposal from A Booth, A Fredeen, K Gaudreau and K Aben to combine PICS and Green Centre operating funds to hire a Sustainability Research and Engagement Assistant (SRE Assistant) 3 days per week in the Green Centre. Role would take over administrative duties – including event organization, website and social media management, and meeting coordination, etc. – to allow PICS Coordinator and Sustainability Manager time for higher level activities (e.g. teaching, research, broader strategy)
 - SRE Assistant would work 1 day per week on PICS related work and 2 days per week on Sustainability Manager / general duties. Functional supervisor provided by the Sustainability Manager, with oversight and mentorship from PICS and possibly Energy Technician.
 - SRE Assistant would be 2-year pilot, with 1/3 funding provided by PICS. The group is requesting the GUPC endorse allocating \$22,700 from the Green Fund to support the pilot.
 - D Claus – Concerns about lack of transparency in the Green Fund budget in previous years. More clarity desired.
 - K Wilkening – Important to design a rigorous selection process. Suggests 4-5 member committee with representation from GUPC.
 - D Claus – May be worth including the history of the Sustainability Manager position into the proposal.
 - K Kieta – SRE Assistant would free up time for Sustainability Manager to better engage with graduate students.
 - **Action Item** – K Gaudreau to circulate amended draft proposal to GUPC for electronic vote.

5. Green Fund Proposals – All members
 - D Claus – Subcommittee met on Wednesday June 17 to consider the Green Fund proposals.
 - Proposals recommended for submission to President’s Executive Council for funding, subject to conditions proposed by Green Fund Subcommittee:
 - Thesis reclamation (James MacDonald)
 - **Carried (K Gaudreau / K Aben)**
 - National food summit (Melanie Anderson)
 - **Carried (K Gaudreau / K Aben)**
 - Scarlet tide brigade (Sarah Boyd).
 - **Carried: Approved up to \$475 based on submission of receipts (G de Ruiter / K Wilkening)**
 - Proposals recommended for resubmission based on Subcommittee recommendations
 - Mini-greenhouse project (Kelly Thirkettle)
 - D Claus – Some logistical issues and uncertainties present in proposal.
 - **Carried (K Gaudreau / K Aben)**
 - Proposals not recommended by the Green Fund for resubmission
 - Rideshare (Shaun Cormier) – Significant risk issues around collecting of personal data.
 - **Carried (G de Ruiter / K Kieta)**
 - Electric bike (G de Ruiter)
 - D Claus – Uncertainty over whether electric bike is the best fit to address the hill as a barrier to cycling.
 - G de Ruiter – Concerned that expectations are too high for pre-proposal surveying.

- D Claus – Expectations have evolved with time to ensure success of the Green Fund awards. Especially so when relating to assets purchased and managed on campus.
 - K Wilkening – Approximately 1/3 of proposals are funded. Agree that transportation is gaining interest on campus, and some coordination of activities may be necessary. Need to ensure Green Fund projects do not place burden on others (e.g. Green Centre).
 - **Motion** – GUPC to recommend resubmission with condition that management of bike be clearly articulated and supported by the appropriate stakeholders.
 - **Carried (R Budde / K Aben)**
6. Greenway Green Fund request for additional funding – K Gaudreau
- R Wheate's Greenway Green Fund project over budget due to unforeseen additional costs of mounting the maps. Library and Northern Sports Centre have each contributed \$300. Request for additional \$500 to print a fourth map and refund already committed expenses.
 - K Wilkening – Important to ensure Green Fund logo placed on all the maps.
 - **Motion** – GUPC to support request for additional \$500 for the Greenway Green Fund project.
 - **Carried (K Aben / K Wilkening)**
7. Roundtable – All members
- A Drew – Verbal confirmation for two energy projects: \$50,000 to replace 100 streetlights with LEDs; funding to modify air handler in Conference Centre from natural gas to hot water.
 - K Wilkening – Presenting at a conference in San Diego for Association of Environmental Studies and Sciences annual conference. Organized a panel on 'silver and sustainability' (senior citizens and sustainability). Aging population and coming demographic change. What are senior citizens doing about the future of the world
 - R Budde – Graduate student Derrick Denholm recently published Ground Truthing, a book on environmental creative nonfiction.
 - D Claus – D Claus, G de Ruiter and S Helle supported Hazelton with their district heating system, a multi-stakeholder partnership.
 - K Gaudreau – Bike To Work Week 2015 a success. UNBC led in Prince George in all categories and was one of the provincial leaders as well.