

Green University Planning Committee

November 21, 2014

MINUTES

2:00-3:30pm

Conference Centre 6-305

Attendees:

Alex Lautensach, Assistant Professor, Education, Terrace Campus
Amanda Drew, Energy Technician
Angela Kehler, NUGSS President
Arthur Fredeen, Professor, Ecosystem Science and Management
Eileen Bray, Vice President Administration and Finance
Emily Harrison, Canada Winter Games Sustainability Manager
Keaton Freel, SGU Co-President
Ken Wilkening, Associate Professor, International Studies
Kyrke Gaudreau, Sustainability Manager (Acting Chair)
Kristen Kieta, NGSS Sustainability
Michael Watson, NUGSS Sustainability
Sarah Boyd, PGPIRG Executive Director
Geoff de Ruiter, Alumni Representative
Rob van Adrichem, Vice-President External Relations

Regrets:

Blanca Schorcht, Dean, College of Arts, Social, and Health Sciences
Daniel Ryan, Dean, College of Science and Management
Daniel Weeks, President
Kyle Aben, PICS Coordinator
Leslie Burke, Purchasing Agent
Mark Dale, Provost
David Claus, Assistant Director, Facilities Management
Ranjana Bird, Vice-President Research
Shelley Rennick, Director, Facilities Management
Trevor Fuson, CUPE Representative

Recorder: Katherine Benny

1. Approval of Agenda
 - Approved (E Harrison / K Wilkening)
2. Approval of Minutes – October 17, 2014
 - Requested revision of October 17th minutes to provide more details of the discussions on the Green Grant proposals.
 - Approved (K Wilkening / by E Bray)

NEW BUSINESS:

3. GUPC Terms of Reference – K Gaudreau
 - A Lautensach and G deRuiter – Starting the conversation around divestment at UNBC
 - E Harrison – Important to have a Chair who can regularly attend meetings.

- E Harrison – Possible benefits of hosting GUPC meetings in a public forum to better communicate out to the campus (students, faculty and staff).
 - Other avenues including inviting specific groups to come to a GUPC meeting, and hosting open cafes (e.g. ‘Connecting you cafes’) once per term.
- K Wilkening & A Drew – Strength of current GUPC membership is that it balances the “top-down” and “bottom-up” dynamics. It is important to have higher-up administrative persons at the GUPC.
- E Bray – Larger committees are less effective. Would like GUPC to maintain current size and would like to see the GUPC playing a more integrated role with academic planning with new Provost.
- R van Adrichem – Re-evaluate how much planning the GUPC does. Potentially change the name of the GUPC to simply the “Green Committee” or the “Green University Committee”
- K Gaudreau – identify important themes for each given year – promote strong focus moving forward into 2015.
- K Gaudreau – Important to consider who the GUPC is advising. The target audience is currently unclear.
- K Kieta – UNBC sustainability is a distinctive part of the student experience. Important to capitalize on this experience.
- A Drew – The GUPC could better coordinate with and guide subcommittees and working groups. The GUPC would then serve as an information sharing group of the subcommittees.

Meeting adjourned at 3:29