

**Friday November 27, 2015**

**2:00-3:30pm**

**Room 6-305**

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**MINUTES**

**Attendees:**

Alex Lautensach, Assistant Professor, Education, Terrace Campus  
Arthur Fredeen, Professor, Ecosystem Science and Management  
Amanda Drew, Energy Technician  
Ben Bryce, Assistant Professor, History  
David Claus, Assistant Director, Facilities Management  
Kyrke Gaudreau, Sustainability Manager (Acting Chair)  
Leslie Burke, Purchasing Agent  
Mark Dale, Dean, Regional Campuses  
Melanie Anderson, SGU Vice-President  
Raychill Snider, Undergraduate Student Representative  
Robert Budde, Professor, English

**Regrets:**

Blanca Schorcht, Dean, College of Arts, Social, and Health Sciences  
Daniel Ryan, Provost  
Erik Jensen, Dean, College of Science and Management  
Daniel Weeks, President  
Kristen Kieta, GSS Sustainability  
Laura Sapergia, PGPIRG Director  
Geoff Payne, Vice-President Research  
Trevor Fuson, CUPE Representative  
Torrye McKenzie, NUGSS Sustainability  
Zarrah Holvick, Alumni Representative

**Recorder:** Kyrke Gaudreau

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1. Approval of Agenda
  - Approved (L Burke / D Claus)
2. Approval of Minutes – October 16, 2015
  - Approved (L Burke / M Anderson)

**NEW BUSINESS:**

3. Compost Design Presentation – D Mullen, J St-Pierre, L Swank
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Year Environmental Engineering Design Project. Working to develop a waste management system that maximizes stakeholder identified interests/values, and demonstrate northern composting.
  - The team proposes an in-vessel composter that would be placed in the recycling room, and utilize the current PGPIRG volunteer collection system. The compost would

be cured at the current PGPIRG compost site (near Parking Lot A). The proposed system would be able to handle all of UNBC's food waste.

- A copy of the final report will be uploaded to the UNBC Green webpage.

#### 4. Green Fund Grants – D Claus

- Five Green Grant proposals were submitted, and three groups attended the Elevator Pitch on October 23<sup>rd</sup> (one proposal was rescinded, and a second group did not respond to the Elevator Pitch invitation). A Green Travel Grant was also submitted in advance of the November GUPC meeting. The proposals discussed in November were:
  - Residence Reciprocity Shelves (Rigo and Snyder) – Installing new reciprocity shelves in Residence to promote reuse.
  - Wellness Boxes (Wellness Centre) – Promoting individual wellbeing and sustainability by developing wellness boxes (made from recycled and reclaimed materials).
  - Connecting the UNBC Community to Nature (Wright and Mullins) – develop resources to engage and encourage the UNBC community (students, faculty and staff) to connect with nature on both a daily and longer term basis.
  - Conference Travel (Kehler) – Will be presenting at 12th International Conference on Environmental, Cultural, Economic & Social Sustainability at Portland State University in Oregon
  - All four Green Grant proposals were approved, and have been granted final approval from the Provost.

#### 5. Bus Shelter Funding Proposal – D Claus, K Gaudreau

- D Claus and K Gaudreau have been meeting with Dave Bradshaw from PG Transit to jointly propose a bus shelter in the Ceremonial Loop. Currently bus riders stand in the Conference Centre, and in doing so disrupt the bus schedule. The cost of the shelter and installation would be \$30,000, and would be split evenly by UNBC and the City. The City would pay for ongoing operating costs, and profit from the ad revenue, while UNBC would ensure snow removal. The GUPC was approached to endorse using \$15,000 from the Green Fund to support the shelter.
- M Dale – Uncertain this would increase ridership
- A Drew – Might not be sufficient to encourage people enough to move from NUSC, especially if the shelter is unheated.
- A Fredeen – Proposed design looks generic. Concerned about winds from the north.
- M Anderson – Potential for new Wood Masters program to design a unique shelter.
- D Claus – Maintenance on a bus shelter is not inconsequential. \$15,000 is a cost-effective way to do this. We can do this or look at other other options. Do we want to do this at this price point?
- M Dale – Explore possibility of installing a bus shelter with option to trade it in when UNBC designs a signature shelter.
- D Clause – This can trigger a broader conversation about the master plan and how a bus shelter fits in. If we build our own.
- **Action Items** – K Gaudreau and D Claus to talk with WIDC and City and come back with more details.

#### 6. Roundtable (information) – All members

- A Drew
  - Street lights have been replaced with LED bulbs. Will include a dimming system. Will be replacing street lights at Terrace.
- L Burke

- Working to obtain final reports from completed Green Grants. Outstanding reports include: Geodesic dome; Eco-childcare; Electric car; Cranbrook Hill; Land Stewardship; UNBeeC; Food Recovery Project.
- M Connolly
  - PICS has a new ED – Sybil Seitzinger. Visiting UNBC on January 13<sup>th</sup>
  - Organizing a post COP 21 public dialogue. Will happen on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Will have a PICS open house during the day.
- A Fredeen
  - Green Day is February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Working with R. Budde to make sure Rotunda has some sustainability in it.
- D Claus
  - Still trying to connect piping project.
  - Planning on renovating residence this summer. Fiscal challenges. Project team looking much more closely at a number of aspects (e.g. keeping old furniture). Looking at hydronic heating again.
- M Anderson
  - Undertaking food insecurity survey (Green Grant project) for staff, faculty and students.
- R Snider
  - Using Sustainability checklist in Residence. Good checklist for changing habits.

**Adjourned 3:30pm – (M Dale / L Burke)**