

Friday September 9, 2016

10:00-11:30am

Room 6-305

Agenda

Attendees:

Arthur Fredeen, Professor, Ecosystem Science and Management
Arctica Cunningham, NUGSS President
Belinda Larisch, Energy Technician
David Claus, Assistant Director, Facilities Management
Kyrke Gaudreau, Sustainability Manager (Acting Chair)
Mark Dale, Dean, Regional Campuses
Michelle Connolly, PICS Coordinator
Raychill Snider, NUGSS Sustainability
Robert Budde, Professor, English
Robert Knight, Vice-President, Finance and Business Operations
Serena Black, PGPIRG
Trevor Fuson, CUPE Representative
Zarrah Holvick, Alumni Representative

Regrets:

Alex Lautensach, Assistant Professor, Education, Terrace Campus
Ben Bryce, Assistant Professor, History
Brenda Slomka, Assistant Director, Student Life
Daniel Ryan, Provost
Daniel Weeks, President
Erik Jensen, Dean, College of Science and Management
Geoff Payne, Vice-President Research
Kate Hewitt, GSS Sustainability
Leslie Burke, Purchasing Agent

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1. Approval of Agenda
 - Approved (M Connolly / R Budde)
 2. Approval of Minutes – April 15, 2016
 - Approved (B Larisch / M Connolly)

NEW BUSINESS:

3. Renewing the Campus Food Strategy Group (CFSG) – K Gaudreau
 - A lot of work started up in recent years that require dedicated students to manage (e.g. Food recovery project, Fair Trade, Trick or Eat). Previously managed by CFSG. CFSG has had to submit Green Fund applications for support: inefficient means of funding. Would like to secure \$5,000 per year for CFSG.
 - M Dale – Slippery slope of ongoing funding.
 - Z Holvick – Provide some metrics of success for the program.

- D Claus – Explore support from Ancillary Services
- **Action Item – K Gaudreau to put together proposal outlining previous success factors.**

4. Proposal to ban bottled water – K Gaudreau

- Interest from students to ban sale of bottled water on campus (with some exceptions where necessary). Bottled water currently part of the UNBC Pouring Contract.
- The argument that water was better than pop.
- K Hewitt – Ancillary Services would consider not vending bottled water in vending machines.
- D Claus – Important to consider impacts on Pepsi Fund (which is reinvested into Athletics and other groups on campus).
- A Fredeen – Need to acknowledge lack of water availability on Campus.
- D Claus – Adding infrastructure after the fact very expensive.
- Z Holvick – Consult with Conference and Events Services to determine impact on external renters.
- A Fredeen – Recent scientific paper argues this will lead to increased purchase of soft drinks.
- Z Holvick – Alumni Association concerned existing water stations taste bad.
- Z Holvick – Be clear about goals we are trying to achieve. Is this the best way to meet those goals?
 - T Fuson – Animal agriculture far higher concern for water usage than bottled water.
- M Dale – Other institutions considering this. Develop a rational water use policy, which may include partial ban.
- **Action Item – Creation of working group to study issue: K Hewitt, R Snider, B Larisch, A Fredeen, A Cunningham**

5. Bike lockers – K Gaudreau

- Have put together funding proposal to purchase 10 bike lockers at cost of \$20,000. Lockers to be rented out by NUGSS. Two options: (1) bring your own lock; (2) key rental.
- D Claus – What is risk of thieves cutting open lockers? Current bike storage in Library not used.
- T Fuson – Suggest starting with a pilot project to purchase 5 lockers and measure impacts.

6. Roundtable (information) – All members

- Z Holvick – Alumni Association discussed water bottle ban. Looking for green activities to be involved in.
- B Larisch – Interested in reviving subcommittees.
- D Claus – Residence renovation done. New heating system up and running.