

Green University Coordinating Committee

August 28, 2008

Meeting Notes

9:00 am – 10:00 am

Conference Centre 6-305

Attendees:

Charles Jago, Interim President

Mark Dale, Provost

Eileen Bray, Vice-President Administration and Finance

Rob van Adrichem, Director, Media and Public Relations

Balbinder Deo, Assistant Professor, Business

Bill McGill, Dean, College of Science and Management

Mark Thompson, Molecular Genetic Support Specialist and Graduate Student (CUPE rep)

Arthur Fredeen, Associate Professor, Ecosystem Science and Management

Shelley Rennick, Director, Facilities Management

John Young, Acting Dean, College of Arts, Social and Health Sciences

Ken Wilkening, Associate Professor, International Studies

Regrets:

Allan Berezny, Executive Director, University Advancement

Annie Booth, Associate Professor, Ecosystem Science and Management

Ian Hartley, Associate Dean, Graduate Programs

Danielle Smyth, Graduate Student

Recorder: R. van Adrichem, Office of Communications

1. Approval of Agenda

- No additions proposed.

2. Approval of June 18, 2008 minutes

- No changes suggested.

3. Business Arising

No discussion.

4. New Business

4.1 Proposed Green University Community Forum

- This was the main item on the agenda. It followed from discussion at the June 18, 2008 meeting, when the idea of a community forum was proposed to help identify priorities for the Green Committee.
- K. Wilkening suggested that such a forum could be based on a similar event hosted by the PG Air Quality Committee and be used to gather feedback and ideas.
- A. Fredeen suggested that we already have information from the community and that a forum should also be used to educate the community about what is being done already. Info-sharing should be a primary objective.

- C. Jago suggested that this info-sharing should also include a summary of the groups/networks UNBC is part of: PICS, LEED, AASHE, Campus Climate Network, GoBeyond, Citizens' Conservation Council on Climate Action, PG Air, etc. Further, we need to stimulate a discussion of strategies and objectives with a list of objectives from the committee. This would lead the forum, and be followed by then-informed discussion of priorities, resulting in heightened consciousness of the issues and engagement.
- E. Bray asked whether the primary objective of the forum would be the establishment of 4-5 priorities.
- A. Fredeen suggested that the Committee could provide a summary of the priorities that have been presented in our market research to date and then asking attendees if we've missed anything.
- M. Dale added that the outcome of this exercise would inform our work as a committee. A vital element would be following up from the Forum.
- C. Jago stated that defining new externally funded positions (such as the UNBC-based PICS coordinator and the BC Hydro-funded Energy Manager) – as well as would be appropriate before engaging in a consultation. In terms of reporting to the broader community, more information is needed on the staffing structure and the emerging legislative requirements, which are still largely unclear. PEC would have that conversation.

Action Items

- B. McGill to craft an initial statement of objectives for discussion by the group.
- R. van Adrichem to write draft self-study document that would capture highlights of green activity over the past year, as well as a summary of environmental networks of which UNBC is part.
- PEC to discuss the possible coordination new positions at UNBC that are oriented to environmental issues.