

Friday July 17, 2015

10:00-11:30am

Room 6-306

Minutes

Attendees:

Alex Lautensach, Assistant Professor, Education, Terrace Campus
Amanda Drew, Energy Technician
Arthur Fredeen, Professor, Ecosystem Science and Management
David Claus, Assistant Director, Facilities Management
Geoff de Ruiter, Alumni Representative
Kyrke Gaudreau, Sustainability Manager (Acting Chair)
Leslie Burke, Purchasing Agent
Melanie Anderson, SGU Vice-President
Robert Budde, Professor, English
Zarah Holvick, CUPE Representative

Regrets:

Bill Krane, Provost
Blanca Schorcht, Dean, College of Arts, Social, and Health Sciences
Daniel Ryan, Dean, College of Science and Management
Daniel Weeks, President
Kristen Kieta, GSS Sustainability
Mark Dale, Dean, Regional Campuses
Ranjana Bird, Vice-President Research
Raychill Snyder, Undergraduate Student Representative
Shelley Rennick, Director, Facilities Management

Recorder: Angela Kehler

1. Approval of Agenda (Z Holvick / R Budde)
2. Approval of Minutes – June 19, 2015 (G de Ruiter / D Claus)

NEW BUSINESS:

3. UI Green Metric Assessment – K Gaudreau
 - Green Centre contacted by President's office re: Universitas Indonesia's offer to participate in UI Green Metric Assessment.
 - Z Holvick – good for optics, six Canadian universities are taking part
 - A Lautensach – concern with loosely defined categories, may be an unreliable measure
 - A Drew – energy questions can be easily answered
 - L Burke – opportunity to discover interesting information K Gaudreau – willing to take the lead on answering the questionnaire if Facilities can contribute answers
 - **Motion passed: Green Centre to conduct UI Green Metric Assessment (A Fredeen / M Anderson)**

4. Green Grants Program – Ideas for improvement – All members
 - Green Fund will go to the Provost for approval rather than PEC.
 - G de Ruiter – Suggest two intakes per year instead of three, timelines should be clearly defined in application instructions
 - M Anderson – Intake dates should be changed regardless of how many, approval process upsets project timelines
 - D Claus – Proposal: GUPC request ideas, conduct preliminary screening with opportunity for public commentary, work on refining the projects through coaching, revised for actual submission date in November. Help improve submission quality.
 - K Gaudreau – Time-sensitive items such as travel grants and small projects (below \$1,000) can be brought to GUPC on an ongoing basis, Kyrke may be given signing authority
 - M Anderson – presenting ideas publicly is a good idea, opportunity to connect people who have similar ideas
 - D Claus – Propose one intake with new format as a trial in the fall with public “elevator pitch” presentations
 - M Anderson – Green Grant reporting has been inconsistent for past projects.
 - A Fredeen – written reports are valuable, could be posted on the website
 - Z Holvick – written reports serve as metrics, present good optics outside of the committee so the outside community can learn about funded projects
 - D Claus – provide a template for brief final report which will provide GUPC with useful information (what happened, money spent, etc.) and signal close of project
 - **Motion passed: (1) The Green Fund will have two intakes per year; (2) Travel grants will be separated, (3) Deadlines will be set for funds awarded and start dates, “elevator pitch” presentations for beginning of application process (G de Ruiter/M Anderson)**
 - **Action item: Kyrke to provide proposal for new intake dates and application timeline**
 - **Action item: Kyrke to draft a Green Fund final report template with a separate one for travel grants**

5. Roundtable – All members
 - A Kehler – Undergraduate student representative on the Academic Planning Committee: terms of reference have been created, research activities over the summer and public engagement in the fall with UNBC community
 - M Anderson – Annie Booth completed ethics process for food security project, working on survey
 - R Budde – 25th Anniversary barbeque threw out a lot of paper plates/forks, GUPC to make recommendations around this?
 - Z Holvick – plates are biodegradable for Convocation barbeque
 - L Burke – sustainability rep should be involved in planning
 - A Drew – 5th year engineering design class to design new composting system, not sure of the scope yet or what the capacity will be but may include paper materials
 - Z Holvick – Convocation: had no helium balloons, redesigning programs and provided recycle program, leftover programs will inform next year’s purchase order. Working on getting rid of the paper graduation information and application forms
 - D Claus – (1) Installing irrigation in front of residence, part of 5 year program from PEC to increase irrigation on campus. (2) Logs behind EFL are dead pine beetle wood. Lumber went to the sawmill, leftover wood to be chipped for bioenergy plant. (3) Residence piping project is on hold, pipes are in the ground but not connected yet. (4) BMO boiler replacement in the works. (5) Energy targets: 10% reduction electricity, heat, fossil fuel 2010-2015. Term is up, need new targets, combine electricity and heat – 20% reduction in the next 5 years from 2010 targets

- A Lautensach – (1) Regional campus – 25th Anniversary trees planted. (2) Attended UN Conference in the Hague, Netherlands on human security – connection between security and sustainability
- G de Ruiter – Resigning from Alumni Association position, stepping away from GUPC.
 - The GUPC thanks Geoff for his three years of service and wishes him all the best with his new endeavours!
- K Gaudreau – (1) Working on Green Report. (2) BAM – new mugs have been ordered. (3) Project clean plate – in contact with Chartwells and Torrye (NUGSS Sustainability rep). (4) Funding received for assistant position, need to sort out details with PICS re: hiring process

Meeting adjourned: 11.40am