

**Green University Planning Committee**

**March 16, 2011**

**MINUTES**

**2:30-4:00pm**

**6-305**

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**Attendees:**

Alexie Stephens, NUGSS  
Arthur Fredeen, Professor, Ecosystem Science and Management  
Daniel Ryan, Dean, College of Science and Management  
Danielle Smyth, Green University Research Project Manager  
David Claus, Energy Manager  
Doug Carter, Capital Projects Manager  
Eileen Bray, Vice President Administration and Finance  
Gail Fondahl, Vice-President Research  
George Iwama, President  
Ken Wilkening, Associate Professor, International Studies  
Kyle Aben, PICS  
Leslie Burke, Purchasing Agent  
Mark Dale, Provost (Chair)  
Nadia Nowak, NUGSS  
Sarah Boyd-Noel, PGPIRG  
Shelley Rennick, Director, Facilities Management  
Trevor Fuson, CUPE

**Regrets:**

Alex Lautensach, Assistant Professor, Education, Terrace Campus  
Anke Krey, Graduate Student  
Jessica Madrid, Graduate Student Representative  
John Young, Dean, College of Arts, Social, and Health Sciences  
Rob van Adrichem, Vice-President External Relations

**Recorder:** Danielle Smyth, Sustainability Manager

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**1. Approval of Agenda**

- Approved

**2. Approval of Minutes – February 14**

- Approved

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**3. Pinecrete Green Fund Proposal (action)**

- Decision on whether or not to fund the Pinecrete Green Fund Proposal has been delayed until confirmation on ownership of the product was received
- It was confirmed that Sorin P. owns the intellectual property and is in the process of patenting the product.
- Individuals would have to collaborate with a company to produce the proposed Pinecrete benches.

**ACTION:** The Pinecrete proposal will be re-circulated to the Green Fund subcommittee and a recommendation will be to the GUPC during the April 14 meeting

## NEW BUSINESS:

### 4. Role of GUPC at the Green University (discussion) – K Wilkening, A Fredeen

- The 2010 University Plan and Action Plan include actions related sustainability on campus
- The GUPC TOR states that the role of the GUPC is to “Provide input and advice to the Vice-Presidents and senior administration in developing and implementing green operational practices and procedures”.
- Given that the GUPC was not involved in the development of the sustainability aspects of the University plan, it is unclear what the expectations of the GUPC are.
- Some suggestions for clarifying the role of the GUPC were noted:
  - Invite the President to present the University Plan to the GUPC
  - Establish a working group on renewable energy
  - Provide policy briefs of sustainability initiatives (5 min or less) that may be circulated to the group.
  - Provide direction to the Green University Project Manager
- It was suggested that several subcommittees and working groups be established to focus on topics of particular priority.
- Subcommittees would be established for ongoing projects/initiatives while Working Groups would focus on initiatives with an end date.

**MOTION:** That the Green University Planning Committee approves the creation of a **Green Day Subcommittee** to plan and implement events for the annual Green Day at UNBC. **Motion carried.**

**MOTION:** That the Green University Planning Committee approves the creation of a **Green Teaching Subcommittee** to catalogue, evaluate, inventory of the sustainability content of academic programs at UNBC. **Motion carried.**

**MOTION:** That the Green University Planning Committee approves the creation of an **Energy Subcommittee** to communicate, evaluate and assist in establishing priorities on energy conservation and renewable energy opportunities. **Motion carried.**

**MOTION:** That the Green University Planning Committee approves the creation of a **Carbon Neutrality Subcommittee** to assist with the preparation and implementation of the annual Carbon Neutral Action Report (as per the University’s requirements under the Greenhouse Gas Reductions Targets Act). **Motion carried.**

**MOTION:** That the Green University Planning Committee approves the creation of a **Staff/Faculty Transit Pass Working Group** for the negotiation and implementation of a faculty and staff transit pass. **Motion carried.**

**MOTION:** That the Green University Planning Committee approves the creation of a **Sustainability Plan Working Group** to provide feedback from the broader University community for input to “green” aspects of the University plan. **Motion carried.**

### 5. STARS update (information) – D Claus, D Smyth, K Aben

- STARS presentations given to both College Councils

- Some concern has been expressed about STARS (i.e. whether will be used as a decision-making tool, that sustainability content will eventually be imposed upon faculty)

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

- Draft Energy Policy was circulated; comments should be forwarded to D Claus (Energy Manager)
- PICS Events
  - Julian Ageyman Presentation: March 14
  - Forests, Climate Change and Carbon Workshop: March 22
  - John Mashee Presentation: April 5
- PIRG will host a film during the World Community Film Festival on March 26
- Facilities Management is nearing completion of the bike shower facilities in the Agora and T&L

**Adjournment: 4:00 pm**