

Green University Planning Committee

Jan 17, 2014

Minutes

1:30-3:00pm

Conference Centre (6-307)

Attendees:

Amanda Drew, Energy Technician
Arthur Fredeun, Professor, Ecosystem Science and Management
Becky Dochstader, Undergraduate Student Representative
David Claus, Assistant Director, Facilities Management (Acting Chair)
Eileen Bray, Vice President Administration and Finance
Geoff de Ruyter, Alumni Representative
Ken Wilkening, Associate Professor, International Studies
Kyle Aben, PICS
Kyrke Gaudreau, Sustainability Coordinator
Leslie Burke, Purchasing Agent
Michael Dewar, Graduate Student Representative
Sarah Boyd, PGPIRG
Shelley Rennick, Director, Facilities Management

Regrets:

Adam Thomas, First Nations Representative
Alex Lautensach, Assistant Professor, Education, Terrace Campus
Blanca Schorcht, Dean, College of Arts, Social, and Health Sciences
Daniel Ryan, Dean, College of Science and Management
John Young, Acting Provost
Mark Dale, Acting President
Michael Watson, NUGSS Sustainability Representative
Ranjana Bird, Vice-President Research
Rob van Adrichem, Vice-President External Relations
Trevor Fuson, CUPE

Recorder: Katherine Benny

1. Approval of Agenda
 - Approved (K Aben / K Wilkening)
2. Approval of Minutes – November 15, 2013
 - Approved (L Burke / K Wilkening)

NEW BUSINESS:

3. Green Day update – K Gaudreau
 - Taking place January 28th, from 11-3
 - Integris to provide \$1,000 for Gold for Green Competition and Passport competition.

4. Green Fund audit – K Gaudreau

- See “Green Fund Accounting – January 2014.pdf”
- Anticipated \$250-275,000 in Green Fund by year end.
- Considerations regarding Green Grants Program:
 - i. K Wilkening notes UNBC Green Grants have high success rate compared to similar programs at other universities.
 - ii. K Wilkening and E Bray note there is potential to increase size of Green Grant beyond \$5,000, subject to PEC approval.
 - iii. K Wilkening proposes Green Grants Program be revisited at future GUPC meeting.

5. Energy revolving loan – A Drew

- Energy Conservation Revolving Loan fund is how UNBC funds energy projects. In 2012, fund created (up to \$250,000 for energy saving projects). Savings used to retain loan (running on deficit). 20% goes to main budget holder. Typically look for <5 year project turnaround.
- D Claus notes Continuous Optimization is designed for 2-year turnaround projects. Potentially use Green Fund money for Continuous Optimization but exploring other funding sources.

6. Green Fund and large capital projects – K Gaudreau

- Potential to do one or several signature projects with Green Fund money.
- K Gaudreau to put for proposal to PEC to consider opening up Green Fund for larger project and seek clarity on parameters for moving forward.

7. PICS internships and fellowships – K Aben

- Internships allow organizations to take on students from PICS universities (solutions-based).
- Fellowships – supervisors applying for funds (currently have three). Applications due by February 3rd.

8. Roundtable (information) – All members

- M Dewar – UFM every Tuesday (placing a critical eye to evaluate a Winter UFM)
- K Wilkening – Danielle Smyth, A Fredeen and K Wilkening had journal article on The History of Sustainability at UNBC published .
- D Claus – working on solar wall for NSC (\$170,000 to install – 12/13 year payback). Have been contacting Fortis for designing of projects.
- S Boyd – Sustainability Discussion Group getting underway.
- K Gaudreau – starting to work with Lisa Scheck/Bill Owen to develop a student leadership program (formalize training in meeting facilitation etc) .
- S Rennick – Facilities has finished demonstration suite for residences, including sustainable additions. Tours to begin in February.
- K Aben – Ancient Forest Report: using carbon offsetting to make a park.

ADJOURNEMENT – 3:00