

**Green University Planning Committee**

**April 18, 2011**

**MINUTES**

**11:00am-12:00pm**

**5-122**

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**Attendees:**

Arthur Fredeen, Professor, Ecosystem Science and Management  
Danielle Smyth, Green University Research Project Manager  
David Claus, Energy Manager  
Gail Fondahl, Vice-President Research  
Jessica Madrid, Graduate Student  
Ken Wilkening, Associate Professor, International Studies  
Kyle Aben, PICS  
Mark Dale, Provost (Chair)  
Nadia Nowak, NUGSS  
Rob van Adrichem, Vice-President External Relations  
Sarah Boyd-Noel, PGPIRG

**Regrets:**

Alex Lautensach, Assistant Professor, Education, Terrace Campus  
Cam Bell, NUGSS  
Daniel Ryan, Dean, College of Science and Management  
Doug Carter, Capital Projects Manager  
Eileen Bray, Vice President Administration and Finance  
George Iwama, President  
John Young, Dean, College of Arts, Social, and Health Sciences  
Leslie Burke, Purchasing Agent  
Shelley Rennick, Director, Facilities Management  
Trevor Fuson, CUPE

**Recorder:** Danielle Smyth, Sustainability Manager

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**1. Approval of Agenda**

- Additions:  
Idle-Free Policy  
PEC Action Item – Bottled Water Fee

**2. Approval of Minutes – March 16**

- Approved without additions.

**3. Presentation: Carbon Neutrality – K Aben**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**4. Pinecrete Green Fund Proposal (action) – K Wilkening**

- Pinecrete proposal was re-circulated to the Green Fund Subcommittee following the March 16 GUPC meetings.
- Green Fund Subcommittee members agreed that their original recommendation to fund the Pinecrete proposal stands.
- Pinecrete proposal is free to move to PEC

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 5. Subcommittee – Green Day** (action)
- 6. Subcommittee – Green Teaching** (action)
- 7. Subcommittee – Energy** (action)
- 8. Subcommittee – Carbon Neutrality** (action)
- 9. Working Group – Staff/Faculty Transit Pass** (action)
- 10. Working Group – Sustainability Plan** (action)

- Subcommittees
  - Will be a permanent body of the GUPC
  - Each Subcommittee must be chaired by a member of the GUPC.
  - Membership must extend to the broader UNBC community.
- Working Groups
  - Working groups will be issues based or task oriented
  - Each Working Group must have at least one member of the GUPC.
  - The Chair of each Working Group must be approved by the GUPC.
  - Membership must extend to the broader UNBC community.
- Motion to accept the creation of 4 Subcommittees (Green Day; Green Teaching; Energy; Carbon Neutrality) and 2 Working Groups (Staff/Faculty Transit Pass; Sustainability Plan).
- Seconded and carried.

### **11. Green Fund Subcommittee TOR** (action) – K Wilkening

- Motion to remove the sentence “In the case that a Subcommittee member has a direct conflict of interest, a substitute member will be sought”, insert that “membership is renewable” and approve the TOR.
- Seconded and carried.

### **12. Compost Proposal Status Update** (information) – S Boyd-Noel, D Smyth

- UNBC Environmental Engineering Students will be participating in the Compost project
- An updated budget and project plan will be provided to the GUPC for approval on May 20.

### **13. STARS Update** (information) – D Claus, D Smyth, K Aben

- Continuing the data collection phase and have begun to enter data into the online reporting tool
- On track to meet August 20 deadline.

### **14. Idle Free Policy**

- PEC has approved an Idle Free Policy to discourage unnecessary idling on campus.
- This policy marks UNBC’s second sustainability-related policy (the first is a Carpool Policy).

### **15. PEC Action Item – Fee for Bottled Water**

- PEC has received multiple requests from various campus groups regarding the elimination of bottled water from campus.
- PEC requests that the GUPC discuss a “SIN tax” on the sale of bottled water
- It is estimated that the cessation of bottled water from campus would result in a substantial loss of revenue to student clubs, due to the terms of the University’s current Beverage contract.
- It is unclear whether or not a SIN tax on bottled water would also be in violation of the beverage contract terms and therefore also result in a loss of student club revenues.
- If the goal is to discourage the use of single-use containers and reduce waste, it was suggested that pop bottles be taxed as well.

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:00p.m.