

**Green University Planning Committee**

**March 8, 2013**

**MINUTES**

**10:30am-12:00pm**

**Room 6-306**

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**Attendees**

Alex Lautensach, Assistant Professor, Education, Terrace Campus  
Alvaro Palazuelos, Sustainability Manager  
Arthur Fredeen, Professor, Ecosystem Science and Management  
Becky Dochstadder, Undergraduate Student Representative  
Cam Bell, NUGSS Sustainability Representative  
David Claus, Energy Manager  
Eileen Bray, Vice President Administration and Finance  
Geoff deRuiter, Graduate Student Representative  
Ken Wilkenning, Associate Professor, International Studies  
Kyle Aben, PICS  
Leslie Burke, Purchasing Agent  
Mike Watson, Incoming NUGSS Sustainability Representative  
Rob van Adrichem, Vice-President External Relations

**Regrets**

Adam Thomas, First Nations Representative  
Daniel Ryan, Dean, College of Science and Management  
George Iwama, President  
Mark Dale, Provost (Chair)  
Ranjana Bird, Vice-President Research  
Robert Tait, Dean, College of Arts, Social, and Health Sciences  
Sarah Boyd-Noel, PGPIRG  
Shelley Rennick, Director, Facilities Management  
Trevor Fuson, CUPE

**Recorder:** Alvaro Palazuelos, Sustainability Manager

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- 1. Approval of Agenda.** Agenda approved with no changes
- 2. Approval of Minutes (February 15, 2013)**  
GUPC members will submit notes to Alvaro Palazuelos so he can write the minutes.

**New Business**

**3. Green Fund Projects recommendations by Green Fund Subcommittee- Ken Wilkenning**

Waste Management in the Labs

Motion: to remove first condition presented by the Green Fund subcommittee (Ken Wilkenning/ Geoff de Ruiter) *Motion passed.*

Motion (Ken Wilkenning/Kyle Aben): to fund the project for its full amount. *Motion passed.*

Motion: to not fund the project (Ken/Kyle). *Motion passed.*

Recommendation:

- Leave the NSERC comment out in the letter.
- Green Fund Subcommittee will add in the guidelines that there is potential for pilot projects that are based on green research and that are UNBC specific.
- Tell Dr. Alex Aravind to contact David Claus and Amanda Drew if he wants to discuss his proposal and make it more UNBC specific.

Idle No More

Motion: to not fund the project and accept recommendations (Kyle/Geoff) *Motion passed.*

- Discussion on Green Fund Logo:

Motion: to approve the green fund subcommittee to administer funds to up to \$500 so that a company makes two logos based on the ideas submitted by students. (Rob/David) *Motion passed.*

**4. Sustainability Course/Certificate- Geoff deRuiter**

- GUPC recommends to move this discussion to the Green Teaching Subcommittee.
- Time limits will be set on agenda items from now on.

**5. GUPC Annual Report (2012) and discussion on strategy-Alvaro Palazuelos**

- Changes and additions will be made to the GUPC annual report for the year 2012.
- GUPC members will submit comments on areas of opportunity to work on
- Table to next meeting the motion to incorporate two more faculty members into the GUPC and to have the faculty terms at the GUPC limited to two-year terms.

Other Recommendations:

- To have roundtables at the beginning of the meetings.

**6. Reports on subcommittees**

- Energy: has not met
- Carbon: meeting on March 13
- Green Day: Subcommittee is looking for a new chair after Sarah Foot decided to step down from the position
- Teaching: Ken Wilkening recommends that if we include two more faculty into the GUPC, that one of these faculty members takes over the chair of the Teaching Subcommittee.

**7. Round table:**

Cameron Bell:

- provided information about Food Week:
  - will take place on the 18th-22nd. Every day will feature a different beer from our province at the Thirsty Moose, Thursday and Friday will be BC Foods Days at the Cafeteria, and other special events include:
    - Monday - Bottled Water Free Day hosted by SGU, table in the Wintergarden

- Tuesday - UFM
  - Wednesday - PGPIRG Good Food Box delivery, and evening showing of a documentary called Food Matters, with a short talk from a local grass-fed beef farmer beforehand (this could be changed to Tuesday due to other food-related films shown that night as part of the Travelling World Community Film Festival)
  - Thursday - PGPIRG Top Local Chef competition with ingredients from the Good Food Box
  - Friday - Beer School at the Thirsty Moose Pub
- Bike Infrastructure project: Facilities will be purchasing 1 Fixit stand, 2 forms of sheltered bike parking, and 2 banks of lockers to go near the bike showers installed last year. We have ideas for locations, but will make the final decisions after equipment has been ordered.

Alvaro Palazuelos:

- Discussed with Aaron LeBlanc the possibility of utilizing the new Canadian Standards for Green/Sustainable events at UNBC.
- Start a project in which there will be meetings between sustainability champions from different departments at UNBC. This is an opportunity for departments to share ideas on how to Green their operations. GUPC saw value in moving forward with this project.

Art Fredeen:

- recommends to have faculty and students into the sustainability manager search committee

Kyle Aben:

- PICS internships are due Monday: Organizations can apply for internship funding from PICS. The submission deadline is on Monday, March 11, 2013.

Becky Dochstader:

- Energy challenge starting at the Student Residences:
  - the UNBC Residence "Chill Out" Energy Challenge is starting Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup> and going until Thursday March 21<sup>st</sup>, during which time residents can post photos of them doing environmentally friendly things to get points ( here is the link to the FB event - <http://www.facebook.com/events/516116215094260/> ). We will also be hosting a free spaghetti and energy info night on Wednesday (March 13<sup>th</sup>) at 7pm in the Neyoh Common Lounge where Geoff de Ruiter will be speaking about energy at UNBC and in the Residences. Amanda Drew will be hosting bioenergy plant tours on Thursday (March 14<sup>th</sup>) and Friday (March 15<sup>th</sup>) at 11am, 1pm, and 4pm, departing from the Neyoh mailroom. We will be hosting a UNBC earth hour on Friday (March 22<sup>nd</sup>) from 7-8pm in Res Court (the parking lot in between both Residence buildings) to wrap up the challenge and announce the winners (there will be prizes for the top scoring building, top scoring floor, top scoring suite, and 3 top scoring individuals). We will also hopefully have the electric car to play music, lots of fun games to play, as well as many prizes to give away.