

**Green University Planning Committee**

**May 18, 2012**

**MINUTES**

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

**Room 6-307**

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**Attendees**

Alex Lautensach, Assistant Professor, Education, Terrace Campus  
Alvaro Palazuelos, Sustainability Manager  
Arthur Fredeen, Professor, Ecosystem Science and Management  
Belinda Larisch, Renewable Energy Academic Advisor  
Cam Bell, NUGSS  
Gail Fondahl, Vice-President Research  
Ken Wilkening, Associate Professor, International Studies  
Kyle Aben, PICS  
Sarah Boyd-Noel, PGPIRG  
Sarah Foot, Alumni Representative  
Shelley Rennick, Director, Facilities Management

**Regrets:**

Daniel Ryan, Dean, College of Science and Management  
David Claus, Energy 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  
Mark Dale, Provost (Chair)  
Raman Deep Kaur, Graduate Student Representative  
Rob van Adrichem, Vice-President External Relations  
Trevor Fuson, CUPE

**Recorder:** Alvaro Palazuelos, Sustainability Manager

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**1. Approval of Agenda**

Agenda approved with the following changes:

- Green Strategy Phase II
- Rio +20 declaration

**2. Approval of Minutes (April 13, 2012)**

Minutes approved without additions

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**3. SGU Greenhouse Geodesic Dome construction and start up – Cameron Bell**

- a) Update
- b) Cameron Bell asks for more money from the Green Fund to cover some unexpected costs of construction of the Greenhouse Geodesic Dome.

<p><b>Motion:</b> to allocate up to an additional \$1,000 from the Green Fund to the SGU/NUGSS Geodesic Dome. Motion passed.</p>
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- 4. Compost Expansion and the Student Residences – Alvaro Palazuelos**
  - a) Update on research possibilities to assess the compost volume produced by the student residences
  - b) Gail Fondahl suggests the possibility of having an undergraduate student developing the research
- 5. Local Foods on Campus – Alvaro Palazuelos**
  - a) Suggestion to create a subcommittee for local food production

**Motion:** to create a GUPC subcommittee focused on the issue of local food production.  
Motion passed.

Members of the GUPC who are interested in joining the subcommittee will contact Alvaro Palazuelos. Other members of the UNBC community who are already working on similar issues will be contacted to ask them to become members of the Subcommittee.

- 6. Undergraduate and Graduate student members at the GUPC – Alvaro Palazuelos**
  - a) Becky Dochstader was requested to become the new student representative at the GUPC committee. NUGSS will raise this issue in their next board meeting and assess if there is consent.
- 7. Green Strategy Phase II – Alvaro Palazuelos**
  - a) Ken Wilkening, Art Fredeen, and Alvaro Palazuelos will finish the review of the Green University Strategy Phase I. When the report is complete it will be sent to all GUPC members.
  - b) Ken Wilkening, Art Fredeen, and Alvaro Palazuelos will continue working on the Green University Strategy Phase II. The Green Strategy Phase II had been started in July 2011 by Art Fredeen, Ken Wilkening, and Danielle Smyth.
- 8. Rio +20 – Ken Wilkening**

Committee will revise the Rio +20 declaration to Sustainability in order to make a recommendation to the PEC on whether it is in our best interest to sign such declaration or not.

Note: After the meeting Ken Wilkening noted that in order to sign the declaration, the University needs to have a Green Strategy looking towards the years 2012 to 2015. Our Green Strategy expired in September 2011 and we are now working on the Green Strategy Phase II that will cover this time period. Once the Green Strategy is drafted and approved, we will review the Rio +20 declaration again.
- 9. Report on Subcommittees/Working groups:**
  - a. Carbon Neutrality Subcommittee: recommendation to include scope 3 to the carbon neutrality assessment in order to include emissions from transportation. At the time we are only including scope 1 and 2, and from scope 3 we are only including emissions attributed to paper consumption.
- 10. Roundtable:**
  - a. Sarah Foot: became chair of Green Day subcommittee for year 2013.
  - b. Sarah Boyd-Noel: ask recommendations to the GUPC members in terms of materials to upgrade the PGPIRG library.
  - c. Cameron Bell: will send update of Geodesic Dome to the GUPC.