

Green University Planning Committee

November 17, 2011

MINUTES

3:00-4:30pm

Teaching and Learning 10-4044

Guests

Zane Robison, Residence and Student Life Manager
Nitha Karanja, Student, Coordinator Campus Food Systems Project
Daniel Sturgeon, Student, Coordinator Campus Food Systems Project

Attendees

Alex Lautensach, Assistant Professor, Education, Terrace Campus
Arthur Fredeen, Professor, Ecosystem Science and Management
Cam Bell, NUGSS
Danielle Smyth, Sustainability Manager
John Young, Dean, College of Arts, Social, and Health Sciences
Ken Wilkening, Associate Professor, International Studies
Nadia Nowak, NUGSS
Sarah Foot, Alumni Representative
Sarah Boyd-Noel, PGPIRG
Trevor Fuson, CUPE

Regrets:

George Iwama, President
David Claus, Energy Manager
Daniel Ryan, Dean, College of Science and Management
Kyle Aben, PICS
Eileen Bray, Vice President Administration and Finance
Gail Fondahl, Vice-President Research
Mark Dale, Provost (Chair)
Leslie Burke, Purchasing Agent
Shelley Rennick, Director, Facilities Management
Raman Deep Kaur, Graduate Student Representative
Rob van Adrichem, Vice-President External Relations

Recorder: Danielle Smyth, Sustainability Manager

1. Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved with the following addition:

8. Sponsorship for Sustainability Conference for Annie Booth – A Fredeen

2. Approval of Minutes (October 26, 2011)

Minutes approved as written (T Fuson/C Bell)

NEW BUSINESS:

3. New Members: Alumni, Sarah Foot and Grad Student, Raman Deep Kaur – D Smyth

- The new Alumni representative was introduced to the committee.

- The Graduate Student Representative was absent and will be introduced during the December 5 meeting.

4. Presentation: Campus Food Systems Project (information) – N Karanja and D Sturgeon

- Two students have been funded by the Sierra Youth Coalition and Meal Exchange. To work on the Campus Food Systems Project
- The project has four goals:
 - Food procurement on campus is local, sustainable, healthy and accessible for a food-literate campus community.
 - Food work on campus is supported by and connected into a Campus Food Strategy Group, a centralized network that represents food issues, strengths, and opportunities, and collaborates and problem solves for good food solutions.
 - Students and faculty work together with campus staff and food service providers to produce research on the local food system, promoting accessible understanding of food from seed to plate and identifying new opportunities.
 - Campus builds infrastructure to affect change for campus communities, local economies, increasing overall awareness and health.
- The students will be working with staff, faculty, students, administration and food service providers on campus

5. Green Fund

a) Presentation: Green Residence Project (information) – Z Robison

- The Green Residence Project (funded by the Green Fund in May 2010) is now complete
- Residence has seen an increase in the amount of material being recycled
- The project's success has enable the creation of two permanent Green Residence Assistant Positions (funded through recycling savings and bottle deposits)
- The funding was used to leverage additional donations for a building energy challenge and outdoor recycling bin
- Some of the educational programming included: a building energy challenge which led to a 27% reduction (2nd place finish among other BC post secondary institutions); various film nights; cooking classes; presentations; and bike blended smoothie nights
- Student research reveals a desire amongst students living in residence to have access to compost facilities
- Future plans for greening residence include the installation of low flow shower heads
- A full progress report has been submitted to the GUPC

6. Report on Sub-Committees/Working Groups – Subcommittee Chairs

- The Transit Pass Working Group reported that they have had difficulty accessing the appropriate paperwork from the City to proceed with creating a Pro-Pass Program at UNBC for staff and faculty
- It was suggested that the Chair ask for support from City Council

7. Roundtable (information) – All members

- Compost Awareness Week will be held by PGPIRG during the week of November 21. The week will include a film screening, Vermicompost workshops and a Compost Visioning Session in partnership with the Green University Centre
- The Geodesic Dome Greenhouse project is ongoing. A Greenhouse Advisory Committee meeting will be held on November 18. Some of the current challenges relate to the design of the greenhouse and its snow capacity