

Green University Planning Committee

April 4, 2014

Minutes

1:30-3:00pm

Senate Chambers

Attendees:

Arthur Fredeen, Professor, Ecosystem Science and Management
Becky Dochstader, Undergraduate Student Representative
Cam Bell, Undergraduate Student
David Claus, Assistant Director, Facilities Management (Acting Chair)
David Connell, Associate Professor, Environmental Planning
Emily Harrison, Canada Winter Games 2015 Sustainability Manager
Geoff de Ruiter, Alumni Representative
Ken Wilkening, Associate Professor, International Studies
Kyle Aben, PICS
Kyrke Gaudreau, Sustainability Manager
Leslie Burke, Purchasing Agent
Michael Dewar, GSS Sustainability
Michael Watson, NUGSS Sustainability
Sarah Boyd, PGPIRG
UNBC Biology Club

Regrets:

Adam Thomas, First Nations Representative
Alex Lautensach, Assistant Professor, Education, Terrace Campus
Amanda Drew, Energy Technician
Blanca Schorcht, Dean, College of Arts, Social, and Health Sciences
Daniel Ryan, Dean, College of Science and Management
Eileen Bray, Vice President Administration and Finance
John Young, Acting Provost
Mark Dale, Acting President
Ranjana Bird, Vice-President Research
Rob van Adrichem, Vice-President External Relations
Shelley Rennick, Director, Facilities Management
Trevor Fuson, CUPE

Recorder: Katherine Benny

1. Approval of Agenda

- Approved (K Wilkening / M Dewar).

2. Approval of Minutes – February 14, 2014

- K Wilkening – It is “Green Fund Proposals” not “Green Grants Proposals”.
- Approved (K Aben / A Fredeen).

NEW BUSINESS:

3. UNBeeC Green Fund Presentation – Biology Club

- Biology Club to present on their January 2014 Green Fund application, to ensure necessary conditions will be met for support.

- History: Club has been in existence since 2009. Approximately 14 bee volunteers interested in the bees.
- Project continuity: Looking for faculty adviser. Supported by Gerry Bomford (President PG Beekeeping society).
 - S Boyd – PGPIRG willing to serve as a backup for Beekeeping if the Biology Club withdrew.
- Conditions set on Biology Club prior to release of funds:
 - Risk management – Will purchase first aid kit and epi-pens. People will need to sign waivers. PGPIRG members will be encouraged to get tested before coming into the compound. Wasp traps installed near compost site as deterrents. No concerns about food safety; honey will be unpasteurized.
 - Equipment storage – Secure storage location for equipment (Biology club to investigate EFL or other long-term location).
 - Education/outreach – Provide workshops on honey extraction and be involved in Green Day 2015.
 - Continuity – Biology Club to codify their experience to ensure continuity.
 - Documentation – Written Risk and Safety Plan approved by UNBC Risk and Safety to be in place before funding can be disbursed.
- Motion to support UNBeeC Green Fund application subject to the aforementioned conditions (K Aben / A Fredeen).
 - *Carried*

4. AASHE membership renewal – K Gaudreau

- UNBC's AASHE membership expired February 2014. Consensus to renew membership. K Gaudreau to send out Facstaff once membership has been renewed.

5. Canada Winter Games (CWG) Sustainability Manager Intro – E Harrison

- E Harrison – First Winter Games following ISO and CSA sustainability standards.

6. Transport working group – K Wilkening

- K Wilkening – Faculty interest in state of Transport working group.
- K Wilkening to follow up with T Fuson.
- S Boyd – PGPIRG interested in being involved with working group.

7. Green Fund sub-committee membership – K Wilkening

- K Wilkening – All five members of Green Fund sub-committee to renew their membership in Green Fund sub-committee until April 2015.
- Motion to renew Green Fund sub-committee membership for another year (K Wilkening / M Dewar)
 - *Carried*

8. University Farmers Market (UFM) – C Bell and D Connell

- C Bell – UFM finished 3rd year on budget, including Green Fund support for Development Assistant. Grateful for university supports (docks, parking, staff time). Core business model generates sufficient funds from table fees to pay for Market Manager. Looking to secure future funding for Development Assistant (\$3,000 per year).
- A Fredeen – UFM has become an institution on campus.
- D Claus – Two potential avenues: (1) Green Grant intake in May; (2) approved ongoing funding.
- K Wilkening – The same organization is permitted to obtain Green Funding multiple times, for different initiatives.

- Motion that GUPC supports the UFM as a valuable part of UNBC's fabric and will look for ways to support ongoing financial support (L Burke / M Watson).
 - Carried - K Gaudreau to discuss with E Bray possible funding avenues.

9. Roundtable (information) – All members

- K Aben – PICS internships granted to institutions – will be posted through student co-op board.
- C Bell – good meeting with contractors about dome (Deanna Rach will be Dome Coordinator). Dome to be built by end of May.
- S Boyd – Ancient Forest photo contest is finished. Considering making a calendar
- B Dochstader – Residence move out is soon and are trying to create a reciprocity room for unneeded furniture & food that will be donated.
- M Watson – New NUGSS board.
- K Gaudreau – Naomi Krogman (academic sustainability director at University of Alberta) to visit UNBC on Monday May 5th. A workshop for faculty will be scheduled.