

Green University Planning Committee

November 5, 2008

Meeting Notes

11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Conference Centre 6-305

Attendees:

Mark Dale, Provost (Chair)

Allan Berezny, Executive Director, University Advancement

Annie Booth, Associate Professor, Ecosystem Science and Management

Eileen Bray, Vice President Administration and Finance

Leslie Burke, Buyer

Balbinder Deo, Assistant Professor, Business

Gail Fondahl, Vice President Research

Arthur Fredeen, Associate Professor, Ecosystem Science and Management

Ian Hartley, Associate Dean, Graduate Programs

Bill McGill, Dean, College of Science and Management

Shelley Rennick, Director, Facilities Management

Danielle Smyth, Graduate Student

Mark Thompson, Molecular Genetic Support Specialist and GCUPE rep

Rob van Adrichem, Director, Media and Public Relations

Ken Wilkening, Associate Professor, International Studies

Regrets:

Charles Jago, President

Recorder: Stacey Linton, Office of University Advancement

1. Approval of Agenda

- Approved
- Attendees introduced themselves to the new recorder

2. Approval of Minutes – August 28, 2008

- Approved

3. Statement of Green Objectives

- B McGill said objectives broken down into 3 spheres – economic, environmental, and social. Items are not all fleshed out, welcomed suggestions and additions
- M Dale said document meant to be a starting point. Suggested forwarding comments to recorder for collating
- K Wilkening said some comments may be conflicting so may need more than just compiling
- A Booth suggested making time for discussion at next meeting

<p>ACTION: Committee members asked to provide comments/suggestions on the Green Objectives. Stacey Linton to compile.</p>
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4. Draft Self-Study Document

- R van Adrichem highlighted what's been going on over the past 18 months
- S Rennick suggested adding a section called "communications" in the report
- A Booth said much study, but not a lot done. Discouraged that enthusiasm is being lost because of lack of action
- S Rennick replied items are being done, just lack of communication – e.g. energy study, energy managers, climate action groups, recycling plan and request for proposal for waste management (closes Nov 10)
- M Dale asked that committee focus on fate of self-study
- R van Adrichem suggested people look especially at the Networks section and provide content

ACTION: Committee members asked to forward comments/suggestions on the Self-Study to Stacey Linton.

- K Wilkening suggested a sub-committee meeting before next full meeting to review self study and objectives
- A Fredeen, A Booth, M Thompson also volunteered to meet

ACTION: Ken Wilkening, Art Fredeen, Annie Booth, and Mark Thompson to meet prior to next committee meeting to discuss green objectives and priorities.

5. Canadian University Report, Globe & Mail

- R van Adrichem said report by students
- Committee expressed disappointment with not being included in this publication

6. Academia's Top Ten

- R van Adrichem said UBC has been very successful in showing how they are good – fund a large sustainability project including 2 PR people to show how they are perceived as green
- M Dale proposed idea that we increase parking and use revenue for green projects
- R van Adrichem said we need a forum first to get feedback on priorities
- A Booth stated some not PR. There are explicit programs where people work to be green and make deliberate green choices
- R van Adrichem pointed out buildings are part of the package
- A Booth said need to look at what more we can do, suggested ASSHE
- G Fondahl asked what is the process for moving green projects and priorities forward.
- M Dale said problem is there is no process to move good ideas into coming into being – e.g. surcharge on disposable cups
- E Bray pointed out Bookstore doesn't have plastic bags anymore, has the inexpensive alternative of the pop bag. Need an alternative then could get rid of disposable cups too
- A Fredeen suggested banning disposable cups could be a big media story
- M Thompson said projects need accountability. If going to do an initiative, need monitoring so can chart progress and announce results

7. Partnership of Green Committee with City of Prince George

- B McGill said to consider how committee can associate with the city. City has challenges in being green, can we or should we create more formal relationship?
- S Rennick pointed out city not in charge of solid waste, regional district is. Stated she's not sure city is best use of time, maybe just go to regional district
- L Burke stated that the city has been mandated to become green; they are in the same boat of scrambling to get ideas into being. Suggested if pooled together could get more done
- Ken Wilkening offered to contact Tracy Summerville & Mark Fercho regarding the status of UNBC's involvement with the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan

8. UNBC Travel and Carbon Offset Credits

- G Fondahl stated this will required time and effort in identifying a regional source that people can pay into
- G Fondahl suggested creating a sub-committee
- K Wilkening suggested PICS (Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions) could be involved with this

9. Nominations to External Environmental Committees

- K Wilkening stated that UNBC people are being nominated to external committees, PG Air wants a formal designation of committee members and alternatives from UNBC. Pointed out we don't have a mechanism of how UNBC is to appoint anybody. Suggested PEC pass policy where PG Air formally requests an appointment, Green Committee to review and make recommendation
- G Fondahl likes the idea as it provides transparency. B McGill agreed
- M Dale suggested making a request to the President

10. Green Survey Summary

- No discussion

11. Green UNBC Community Campus Workshop

- D Smyth stated Jamie Biggar will still come up as soon as we're ready for him. Jamie suggested earlier in the semester than later
- R van Adrichem said Jamie is an interesting guy, comes across as a student and presents himself well. He would be great to engage the UNBC community

12. Update on Second Waste Audit

- D Smyth said numbers have not improved since last March, which is interesting because March was Roll Up the Rim

13. First Waste Audit Report

- D Smyth encouraged everyone to read the report. Rob to place online

14. Update on Provincial Go Beyond Project

- D Smyth said they are organizing a speaker series on Nov 21

15. CUPE Green Committee Update and Report

- M Thompson reported they are meeting every 2nd week; committee is growing so being more effective. They are networking provincially and nationally, organizing a climate change workshop, and have had some success regarding garbage collection around campus

Next meeting will be November 28, 2008