

Green University Planning Committee

February 12, 2010

MINUTES

2:30 to 3:30pm

Senate Chambers

Attendees:

Mark Dale, Provost (Chair)
Eileen Bray, Vice-President Administration and Finance
Rob van Adrichem, Vice-President External Relations
Arthur Fredeen, Associate Professor, Ecosystem Science and Management
Ken Wilkening, Associate Professor, International Studies
Alex Lautensach, Assistant Professor, Education, Terrace Campus
Shelley Rennick, Director, Facilities Management
Zoe Meletis, Assistant Professor, Geography
Robert Budde, Associate Professor, English
Danielle Smyth, Green University Research Project Manager
Kyle Aben, PICS
Nadia Nowak, NUGSS
Trevor Fuson, CUPE
Anke Krey, Graduate Student
Alexie Stephens, goBeyond
Nick Ehlers, PGPIRG

Regrets:

George Iwama, President
Gail Fondahl, Vice-President Research
John Young, Acting Dean, College of Arts, Social, and Health Sciences
Bill McGill, Dean, College of Science and Management
Balbinder Deo, Assistant Professor, Business

Recorder: Danielle Smyth

1. Approval of Agenda

- Agenda approved without additions.

2. New Member Introduction

- D. Smyth introduced and welcomed new Regional Campus member A. Lautensach to the committee
- A. Lautensach provided the committee with a brief summary of his background

3. Updates

- D. Smyth provided committee with updates related to Bottled Water Free Day (March 11th, 2010) including results from a Bottled Water vs. Tap Water taste test which revealed that 79% of the participants preferred the taste of tap water over bottled water or could not taste a difference.

4. Call for Green Fund Proposals

- D. Smyth revised the Green Fund Proposal Guidelines based on the GUPC's comments during February 19 meeting
- D. Smyth asked if the committee had any final comments before a formal call for proposals was made
- A. Fredeen suggested adding an additional criteria related to proposals being evidence based
- T. Fuson concerned about proposals losing funding after 12 month period
- K. Wilkening added that internal guidelines must be established for working groups to review proposals including timelines for speeding up to approval process
- R. van Adrichem asked if proposals that are unsuccessful during Intake 1 will be automatically put forward for Intake 2
- N. Ehlers suggested that unsuccessful proposers should re-apply
- N. Nowak agreed that unsuccessful proposers should re-apply
- K. Wilkening added that GUPC working groups should provide feedback then suggest that applicants resubmit

MOTION: Accept Green Fund Proposal Guidelines with suggested changes.

ACTION: D. Smyth to post Green Fund Guidelines and a call for proposals on UNBC website.

5. Green Fund Proposal Submissions

- Item tabled until after the first Green Fund Proposal intake deadline on May 10, 2010.

6. Carbon Neutral Action Report

- Item tabled until April 14, 2010 meeting
- Draft Carbon Neutral Action Report will be made available for comment from the GUPC

7. Next Steps:

- **Working Groups**
- **Sustainability Assessment**
- K. Wilkening summarized that during previous discussions the GUPC suggested that working groups should be formed according to the various aspects of sustainability (i.e. waste, transportation, food, carbon neutrality, etc.)
- K. Wilkening asked how the Green Fund working groups will be structured
- A. Fredeen expressed concern about having too many working groups
- R. van Adrichem suggested the formation of a 5 member Green Fund working group for evaluating proposals with GUPC representation from the following: student, faculty, operations and 2 others.
- D. Smyth recommended that (a) the Green Fund group be structured as a GUPC sub-committee and function as a body to evaluate and recommend proposals to the GUPC and (b) establish working groups (as previously suggested) with representation from outside the GUPC

MOTION: Green Fund Sub-Committee formed. Membership includes:

Kyle Aben, PICS
Ken Wilkening, Associate Professor, International Studies
Alexie Stephens, Student
Shelley Rennick, Director of Facilities
Nick Ehlers, PGPIRG

ACTION: K. Wilkening to coordinate the Green Fund Sub-Committee

- D. Smyth concerned that UNBC has not completed a comprehensive sustainability assessment which is crucial to setting targets and making progress towards goals
- D. Smyth identified the Sustainability, Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS) as the most inclusive assessment framework
- A. Fredeen suggested that once the initiative has been advanced over the next year, we can assess our progress
- D. Smyth suggested that parts of the assessment can be completed through course credit (i.e. Environmental Studies course requirements)
- Z. Meletis suggested that social research methodology classes could participate in research design and data collection
- K. Wilkening proposed that the Green University Strategy be used as a starting point for evaluating our progress towards sustainability

Adjournment: 3:30pm