

Green University Planning Committee
August 15, 2014
Minutes
2:00-3:30
Senate Chambers

Attendees:

Alex Lautensach, Assistant Professor, Education, Terrace Campus
Amanda Drew, Energy Technician
Angela Kehler, NUGSS President
Becky Dochstader, Undergraduate Student Representative
David Claus, Assistant Director, Facilities Management (Acting Chair)
Eileen Bray, Vice President Administration and Finance
Ken Wilkening, Associate Professor, International Studies
Kyle Aben, PICS Coordinator
Kyrke Gaudreau, Sustainability Manager
Michael Dewar, NGSS Sustainability
Rob van Adrichem, Vice-President External Relations
Min Norrie, PGPIRG Representative

Regrets:

Adam Thomas, First Nations Representative
Arthur Fredeen, Professor, Ecosystem Science and Management
Blanca Schorcht, Dean, College of Arts, Social, and Health Sciences
Daniel Ryan, Dean, College of Science and Management
Emily Harrison, Canada Winter Games Sustainability Manager
Geoff de Ruiter, Alumni Representative
John Young, Acting Provost
Leslie Burke, Purchasing Agent
Mark Dale, Acting President
Melanie Anderson, SGU Vice President
Michael Watson, NUGSS Sustainability
Ranjana Bird, Vice-President Research
Shelley Rennick, Director, Facilities Management
Trevor Fuson, CUPE Representative

Recorder: Katherine Benny

COMMENCEMENT: 2:00

1. Approval of Agenda
 - Approved (K Aben / B Dochstader)
2. Approval of Minutes – July 16, 2014
 - Approved (B Dochstader / A Kehler)

NEW BUSINESS:

3. 25th Anniversary Kick-Off – R Van Adrichem
 - Anticipated public announcement September 2.
 - Ceremonial tree planting (September 2, 1:00PM) - One tree will be planted on campus at a public ceremony.

4. Green Strategy/STARS Assessment – K Gaudreau
 - Using reporting to tell a more compelling story about campus sustainability.
 - Before undertaking, it is key to have a solid definition of what Canada's Green University means.
 - K Wilkening – Focus on what makes UNBC unique: strong campus engagement and northern resource development.
 - K Wilkening – Aim for STARS Gold.
 - A Drew – Important to develop communication strategy alongside assessment.
 - B Dochstader – Develop STARS assessment as a living document online.
 - K Gaudreau - A STARS assessment will help to identify gaps and opportunities while fostering a commitment to tangible results.
 - K Wilkening - Important to not focus solely on what can be measured.
 - K Gaudreau to investigate timeline for STARS assessment and report back at September GUPC meeting.
 - K Gaudreau to develop framework for assessing progress against current Green Strategy.

5. Roundtable (information) – All members
 - K Gaudreau – Bike to School Week coming up.
 - K Aben – A student volunteer has been assessing incentives for biking to work.
 - K Aben - Working with Tesla to get free charges for electric car to continue the “electric car highway to Prince George.
 - A Kehler – NUGSS expanding food bank.
 - M Dewar – Developing a “Greener Grads” program.

ADJOURNMENT: 3:37PM