

**Green University Planning Committee**

**February 14, 2011**

**MINUTES**

**10:30am-12:00pm**

**6-305**

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**Attendees:**

Alex Lautensach, Assistant Professor, Education, Terrace Campus  
Alexie Stephens, NUGSS  
Anke Krey, Graduate Student  
Daniel Ryan, Dean, College of Science and Management  
Danielle Smyth, Green University Research Project Manager  
David Claus, Energy Manager  
Doug Carter, Capital Projects Manager  
Eileen Bray, Vice President Administration and Finance  
George Iwama, President  
Ken Wilkening, Associate Professor, International Studies  
Leslie Burke, Purchasing Agent  
Nadia Nowak, NUGSS  
Sarah Boyd-Noel, PGPIRG  
Shelley Rennick, Director, Facilities Management  
Trevor Fuson, CUPE  
Jessica Madrid, Graduate Student Representative

**Guests:**

Todd Whitcombe, Associate Professor, Chemistry  
Steve Helle, Assistant Professor, Environmental Engineering

**Regrets:**

Mark Dale, Provost (Chair)  
Gail Fondahl, Vice-President Research  
Rob van Adrichem, Vice-President External Relations  
John Young, Dean, College of Arts, Social, and Health Sciences  
Arthur Fredeen, Professor, Ecosystem Science and Management  
Kyle Aben, PICS

**Recorder:** Danielle Smyth, Green University Research Project Manager

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**1. Approval of Agenda**

- Approved

**2. Approval of Minutes – January 10**

- Approved

**3. Presentation – T Whitcombe, S Helle**

- The idea of a snow storage cooling system was presented
- T Whitcombe and S Helle are interesting in proposing this project as one of the Engineering Capstone Projects for 2011
- The project would assess the feasibility of installing a snow storage cooling system at UNBC by considering factors such as ROI, timeline, lifespan, environmental impacts, costs, etc.

- Members of the GUPC noted that such a project would require a significant capital investment, however , it has potential and could be looked at from a scalable perspective
- It was also noted that as Canada’s Green University, UNBC is committed to looking at all sustainability projects from a broader perspective than just the “business case”
- E Bray to bring the idea to PEC

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**3. Pinecrete Green Fund Proposal** (action)

- G Fondahl absent; tabled until March 16 meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**4. Green Fund Subcommittee Proposal Recommendations** (action) – K Wilkening

- The Green Fund recommendations were presented and the following proposals were recommended to receive funding:
  - Compost Visioning/Planning Session - \$5,000
  - Wind Energy Feasibility Study - \$5,000
- MOTION: To accept the recommendations; carried

**5. STARS update** (information) – D Smyth, D Claus, K Aben

- Presentations on STARS have been given to the President and President’s Council
- It was suggested that presentations also be made to both College Councils also
- It was also noted that data required for the STARS sub-category on curriculum should be collected by faculty; one faculty member should be listed as the “responsible party”

**6. Round Table** (information) – all members

- It was noted that the GUPC was not consulted in the development of the University Action Plan (specifically in relation to the section on sustainability and renewable energy)
- It is unclear what role the GUPC will play in implementing the plan as well
- It was requested that this be a topic for discussion during the March 16 GUPC meeting

**Adjournment: 12:00 pm**