

**Green University Planning Committee**

**January 16, 2015**

**Minutes**

**2:00-3:30pm**

**Room 6-306**

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**Attendees:**

Alex Lautensach, Assistant Professor, Education, Terrace Campus  
Amanda Drew, Energy Technician  
Arthur Fredeen, Professor, Ecosystem Science and Management  
Becky Dochstader, Undergraduate Student Representative  
David Claus, Assistant Director, Facilities Management (Acting Chair)  
Emily Harrison, Canada Winter Games Sustainability Manager  
Geoff de Ruiter, Alumni Representative  
Ken Wilkening, Associate Professor, International Studies  
Kristen Kieta, GSS Sustainability  
Kyle Aben, PICS Coordinator  
Kyrke Gaudreau, Sustainability Manager  
Leslie Burke, Purchasing Agent  
Melanie Anderson, SGU Representative  
Michael Watson, NUGSS Sustainability  
Rob van Adrichem, Vice-President External Relations  
Sarah Boyd, PGPIRG Executive Director  
Trevor Fuson, CUPE Representative

**Regrets:**

Blanca Schorcht, Dean, College of Arts, Social, and Health Sciences  
Daniel Ryan, Dean, College of Science and Management  
Daniel Weeks, President  
Eileen Bray, Vice President Administration and Finance  
John Young, Acting Provost  
Mark Dale, Dean, Regional Campuses  
Ranjana Bird, Vice-President Research  
Shelley Rennick, Director, Facilities Management

**Recorder:** Angela Kehler

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**COMMENCEMENT: 2:00**

1. Approval of Agenda
  - Approved (K Gaudreau / B Dochstader)
2. Approval of Minutes – November 21 2014
  - Concerns:
    - A Fredeen – Minutes should be more detailed
    - K Wilkening – Recommend meeting audio recorded
    - D Claus – University policy keeps minutes brief
  - Approved (K Aben / A Lautensach)

## NEW BUSINESS:

3. PGPIRG Compost collection – S Boyd
  - 4000 more lbs of compost collected this year. Volume doubled in one semester due to change in food services. Wooden wire composters are full outside.
4. Green Day – A Fredeen / K Gaudreau
  - Committee meeting regularly with good progress. Activities include: edible insects, Ancient Forest exhibit, grad student poster session, snowshoe to Pithouse.
  - Integris will manage welcome table.
  - Event runs 11am-2pm, snowshoeing to pit house at 3pm.
5. STARS (Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System) – K Gaudreau
  - Interested in forming a working group to undertake new STARS prior to developing new Green Strategy.
    - Concerned we are making decisions without sufficient data.
    - STARS would help broaden GUPC focus to new areas of campus sustainability.
    - UNBC STARS silver rating has expired.
  - K Wilkening – Propose forming working group to set the foundation for STARS. Involve VP Research and Deans, and seek PEC approval.
  - D Claus - STARS was done 3-4 years ago. Review needed to see if it will be significantly changed and to justify revisiting.
    - Working group to figure out logistics, people can put their names forward.
    - Recommend looking at old STARS report, write our own executive summary and distribute.
  - K Wilkening – TOR, Green Strategy, and STARS to be reviewed. Suggest engaging president with TOR, then Green Strategy and finally STARS.
    - K Gaudreau – Difficult to produce a Green Strategy without data (STARS). Prefer to work from ground up: STARS, Green Strategy, then TOR.
6. Sustainability in teaching and research – A Lautensach
  - Two sustainability cafes took place in November and December.
  - Integrating sustainability in teaching into existing courses
    - Recommend administering a survey of status quo and goals for faculty at UNBC.
    - Interested in reviving GUPC sub-committee on teaching.
  - Research:
    - Good potential for workshops/discussion groups, more networking and communication needed
    - Green Office to take central role in coordinating these efforts, CTLT (Centre for Teaching and Learning Technology) could also take more active role.
  - K Gaudreau – Cannot drive the process alone. Need help from faculty.
    - Developing a proposal for a Sustainability Professor in Residence award. Will circulate draft to GUPC.
  - R Van Adrichem - Core business is teaching and research. Should be discussed at Senate as part of academic planning.
    - Need to educate upper administration on sustainability, and communicate our successes.
  - A Fredeen – Initiative to bring to Senate must be driven by faculty or CTLT. Challenging if faculty does not have tenure.
  - D Claus – Recommend proposal for how to move forward next meeting.

7. Revisiting the GUPC Terms of Reference (TOR) – K Gaudreau
  - Interested in following up on November
  - Implement survey of GUPC members to: gain better understanding of why people are involved; develop succession plans; and, highlight areas of interest.
  - Will schedule a session facilitated by Heather Smith on TOR, possibly in March
8. Roundtable (information) – All members
  - K Aben
    - Suggests round table at beginning of meeting next time
    - Teaching carbon management course
    - UNBC is actually carbon neutral – Confusion from Climate Action Secretariat.
  - B Dochstader
    - Renovations in residence, met with architects, sustainability discussions needed
    - D Claus – Talk to him re: renovations, plans are moving forward in the next few weeks
  - M Watson
    - Pave the Way almost fully funded.
    - Will be attending winter traveling conference in Edmonton.
    - Organic waste audit taking place in March.
  - E Harrison
    - UNBC students carrying out sporting event economic assessment.
    - Carbon footprint large. High cost of buying carbon offsets.
  - M Anderson
    - 1000 lbs of food collected from Food Recovery Project. Will be displayed at Green Day.
  - A Drew
    - Sweater day on February 5. Will be reducing maximum room temperature to 22 Celsius.
    - Next quarterly for energy management in March, strategy session with BC Hydro in April, students invited
  - G de Ruiter
    - Alumni discussion includes drop in oil prices and divestment opportunities.
  - K Gaudreau
    - Submitted application for Fair Trade Campus designation.

**ADJOURNMENT: 15.36**