

Green University Planning Committee

October 4, 2010

MINUTES

1:00 to 2:30pm

Senate Chambers

Attendees:

Mark Dale, Provost (Chair)
Eileen Bray, Vice President Administration and Finance
Rob van Adrichem, Vice-President External Relations
Gail Fondahl, Vice-President Research
Daniel Ryan, Dean, College of Science and Management
Arthur Fredeen, Associate Professor, Ecosystem Science and Management
Ken Wilkening, Associate Professor, International Studies
Dr. Alex Lautensach, Assistant Professor, Education, Terrace Campus
Danielle Smyth, Green University Research Project Manager
Trevor Fuson, CUPE
Kyle Aben, PICS
Sarah Boyd-Noel, PGPIRG
Nadia Nowak, NUGSS
Alexie Stephens, NUGSS

Regrets:

George Iwama, President
John Young, Dean, College of Arts, Social, and Health Sciences
Shelley Rennick, Director, Facilities Management
Sheila Keith, Director Purchasing
Anke Krey, Graduate Student

Recorder: Danielle Smyth, Green University Research Project Manager

1. Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved without additions.

2. New Member Introductions

Two new members:

Daniel Ryan, Dean, College of Science and Management
Sarah Boyd-Noel, PGPIRG Executive Director

3. Updates:

- **Upcoming Events**
 - **AASHE Conference** (<http://conf2010.aashe.org/>) – **October 10-12, Denver**

UNBC will have 3 representatives presenting at the 2010 AASHE conference:
Doug Carter, Capital Projects Manager (Presentation – Biomass Gasification Project)

Danielle Smyth, Green University Project Manager (Presentation - Integrating Teaching, Research and Operational Sustainability: Utilization of Bio-Energy at UNBC, Canada's Green University™)

Scott Green, Associate Professor, Ecosystem Science and Management

- **Award Announcement – October 12, UNBC**

An event will be held on October 21 at 12:00pm in the Wintergarden. Please come and show your support for UNBC winning a prestigious campus sustainability award (TBA).

R. van Adrichem highlighted that this is “not just an award” – invitations to the announcement have been sent to over 400 people and this ceremony will serve as a platform to launch a contest which will engage the UNBC campus community; the contest will also serve as an experiment with social media by the Communication Department and will be in partnership with Students for a Green University. The award will also be announced in conjunction with the launch of a major fundraising campaign to obtain private and government funding to move the renewable energy platform forward at UNBC; the campaign is expected to last 1.5 years and will be working with more than 50 donors.

R. van Adrichem requested that GUPC members forward any potential sources of funding to his office.

- **Call for Green Fund Proposals – Deadline October 12**

The second round of Green Fund proposals will be accepted until October 12.

- **VP Sustainability, Sears Canada – October 22, UNBC**

GUPC members are invited to attend a Meet and Greet with Dr. James Gray-Donald, Associate VP and Sustainability Lead, Sears Canada Inc. on October 22 2:30-3:30pm in the NUSC Boardroom.

- **Sustainable Behaviour Workshop**
(<https://www.eplyevents.com/Event.aspx?l=1&c=2&evt=d16ceffc-07ad-40f2-b23a-868eb05a7240>) – November 22-23, Prince George

4. Status of Green Fund Projects

R. van Adrichem requested statistics on the scale and scope Green Fund projects, in order to communicate and illustrate our successes

5. Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS)

- Visit <http://stars.aashe.org/> for more information

D. Smyth announced that UNBC has registered as a Charter Participant in the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System developed by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education. We have one year to complete the process, which will provide the first ever baseline of sustainability at UNBC.

D. Smyth highlighted that this process will require cross departmental support and cooperation.

R. van Adrichem suggested allocating sections of the framework and data collection to the applicable departments.

A. Fredeen noted that STARS will function as a continual feedback process, whereby baseline data will inform target setting and an annual report can be prepared to identify progress towards these targets. He also suggested establishing a STARS sub-committee.

K. Wilkening agreed that establishing a sub-committee would be effective and noted that the GUPC could function as a vetting committee for the process.

6. Green Teaching Working Group

D. Smyth noted that an informal group has formed by the attendees of the Sustainability Education Across the Province (SEAP) Training Session held in May at SFU. The group led a Sustainability and Teaching workshop at the UNBC Teaching and Learning Conference in September. They have also partnered with the NRESi and SEAP to sponsor a UNBC visit from Dr. James Gray-Donald, Associate VP and Sustainability Leader, Sears Canada Inc.

D. Ryan asked whether there was a formal mandate for the group and whether or not the group was closed or if an invite will be extended to all UNBC faculty.

D. Smyth responded that the group was newly formed and had not yet established a TOR or formal set of guiding principles. She confirmed that the membership was intended to be inclusive and that a formal invite would be extended to the broader UNBC campus community.

7. Other Business

A. Fredeen noted that the UNBC United Way Campaign was now in effect and all donations may be made through payroll deposit. He also highlighted that the campaign was “going green” this year since donors will now have the opportunity to donate ongoing gifts, thereby eliminating donation forms on an annual basis.