

Green University Coordinating Committee
December 12, 2007
Meeting Notes
9:00 am – 10:00 am
Conference Centre 6-307

Attendees:

Dr. Don Cozzetto, President and Vice-Chancellor
Dr. Bill McGill, Dean, College of Science and Management
Dr. Annie Booth, Associate Professor, Ecosystem Science and Management
Rob van Adrichem, Director, Communications and Public Relations
Mark Thompson, Molecular Genetic Support Specialist and Graduate Student (CUPE rep)
Dr. Ken Wilkening, Associate Professor, International Studies
Dr. Arthur Fredeen, Associate Professor, Ecosystem Science and Management (by telecom)
Danielle Smyth, Graduate Student
Dr. Balbinder Deo, Assistant Professor, Business
Dr. Jim Randall, Acting Provost
Shelley Rennick, Director, Facilities Management
Dr. Gordon Martel, Acting Dean, College of Arts, Social and Health Sciences
Allan Berezny, Executive Director of University Advancement

Regrets:

Marissa Balahura, PIRG
Colleen Smith, Acting Chief Financial Officer
Dr. Ian Hartley, Associate Dean, Graduate Studies
Godfrey Medhurst, Director, Campus Planning and Capital Projects
Dr. Ron Thring, Vice-Provost, Research and Graduate Programs

Recorder: Sandra Earle, Office of Communications and Public Relations

Don Cozzetto welcomed Allan Berezny, Executive Director of University Advancement to the Green University Coordinating Committee.

1. Approval of Agenda

Addition of Item #10 Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System (STARS)
Addition of Item #11 BC Sustainable Campuses Conference

2. Approval of November 14, 2007 minutes

Approved

3. Business Arising

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3.3 Status of funding request for Feasibility Study (Bio-energy)

The federal government has 35M available in its pine beetle recovery program.

Deadline is this Monday for a proposal to do a feasibility study on implementing a biomass energy project at UNBC in 2008/09.

This funding would directly relate to Item #3 in the *Canada's Green University* brochure.

The study will provide a tool for potential funders.

The pilot project will result in the installation of a pellet boiler and a comparison of pellet vs natural gas emissions.

Don Cozzetto and Allan Berezny will be meeting with UNBC Vancouver Advisory Committee and will speak on UNBC's green initiative with the hopes of gathering additional ideas for funding.

8. UNBC's position as a Talloires Declaration Signatory

Report distributed and attached to minutes.

9. Petition to clear sidewalks of snow

The committee was advised that a petition has been circulating to clear sidewalks of snow, as many students would like to bike to campus.

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

UNBC has been invited to join a pilot project test from The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE).

Information attached to minutes.

December 21, 2008 is the deadline to commit to participate.

ACTION: Annie Booth to send information to committee for consideration of participation.

11. BC Sustainable Campuses Conference

The Sustainable Campuses Conference will be held February 8 - 10th at Thompson Rivers University in Kamloops. The conference is an opportunity to learn about how a campus can integrate sustainability into its curriculum, culture, and operations and to develop skills needed to run a successful student group, initiative or campaign and to collaborate with other universities.

Suggested that Danielle Smyth and a representative from PIRG attend.

Next Meeting: January 14, 2008, Room 6-305, 10:00 am – 11:00 am.