



Green University Planning Committee
November 14, 2007
Meeting Notes
10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Conference Centre 6-307



Attendees:

Dr. Don Cozzetto, President and Vice-Chancellor
Dr. Ron Thring, Vice-Provost, Research and Graduate Programs
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
Danielle Smyth, Graduate Student
Marissa Balahura, PIRG

Regrets:

Colleen Smith, Acting Chief Financial Officer
Dr. Ian Hartley, Associate Dean, Graduate Studies
Dr. Balbinder Deo, Assistant Professor, Business
Dr. Jim Randall, Acting Provost
Dr. Gordon Martel, Acting Dean, College of Arts, Social and Health Sciences
Godfrey Medhurst, Director, Campus Planning and Capital Projects
Shelley Rennick, Director, Facilities Management

Guest:

Dr. Sharon Cochran, Vice-Provost, Special Projects

Recorder: Sandra Earle, Office of Communications and Public Relations

1. Update on Master Plan

Sharon has consulted with the College Councils, Prince George City Council and the Lheidli T'enneh and will be meeting with the Regional District. Sharon is hoping to get feedback on the master plan components and the inclusion of an integrated sustainability plan.

There will be no development on new Crown-grant lands as the lands are for teaching and learning only.

There has been some rethinking of the use of the parking lots – perhaps future buildings with underground parking.

The draft Master Plan incorporates sustainability.

There is a need to strengthen the language for land use from “should” to “must”.

There have been positive comments from the focus groups on energy and landscaping that will be considered in the Master Plan.

The infrastructure behind all buildings will be examined.

2. Approval of Agenda

Approved

3. Approval of September 24, 2007 minutes

Approved

4. Business Arising

The conference CD is not yet on the Green website.

ACTION: Rob van Adrichem to determine how conference CD will be linked from

7. Green Day 2008

Monday, March 17, 2008 will be UNBC Green Day 2008.

This date is the start of the spring break for high school students and recruiters will be on campus and available for tours.

Planning and responsibilities will be disbursed to different university groups (i.e. NUGSS, PIRG) to be determined at a later date.

8. Report on Community Engagement

See Report on Public Engagement on Greening the University - November 24, 2007 compiled by Annie Booth.

In summary, those attending the focus groups were supportive of UNBC's efforts to be more green but suggested that greater communication was necessary and that it may be premature to claim that UNBC is "Canada's Green University."

Main topics commented on were waste production, purchasing, energy, alternative energy services, cafeteria and waste production, alternative transportation, sustainable landscaping and facilities approach to green.

Essential to have quick acknowledgement of responses to survey (i.e. acknowledge a source from the report and the action to ensue).

CUPE and *Over the Edge* can have access to report as it is anonymous.

UNBC must do more to communicate green successes to university and community.

New UNBC homepage to include UNBC Green Tips and UNBC Green Facts.

Annie Booth was thanked for her work on the green survey and report.

ACTION: Rob van Adrichem to create a Green Committee link on Green website to include committee minutes, membership and news.
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A Green University newsletter was suggested.

