



## Green University Planning Committee

April 16, 2009

Meeting Notes

1:30 to 3:00 pm

Conference Centre 6-305



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### Attendees:

Mark Dale, Provost (Chair)

Annie Booth, Associate Professor, Ecosystem Science and Management

Leslie Burke, Buyer

Balbinder Deo, Assistant Professor, Business

Gail Fondahl, Vice-President Research

Arthur Fredeen, Associate Professor, Ecosystem Science and Management

Ian Hartley, Associate Dean, Graduate Programs

Bill McGill, Dean, College of Science and Management

Nadia Novak, Students for a Green University & Go Beyond

Shelley Rennick, Director, Facilities Management

Danielle Smyth, Graduate Student

Mark Thompson, Molecular Genetic Support Specialist and CUPE rep

Robert van Adrichem, Vice-President External Relations

John Young, Acting Dean, College of Arts, Social, and Health Sciences

Kyle Aben, PICS Coordinator

### Regrets:

Eileen Bray, Vice President Administration and Finance

Gavin Chung, NUGSS

Charles Jago, Interim President

Ken Wilkening, Associate Professor, International Studies

Robyn Ocean, PG PIRG

**Recorder:** Stacey Linton, Assistant, External Relations

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### 1. Approval of Agenda

- Three additions: # 12 – 14. Green Day, Facilities Issues, Recycling Update
- Approved with additions (B McGill / B Deo)

### 2. Approval of Minutes – January 9, 2009

- Approved (M Thompson / D Smyth)

### 3. Green Coordinator – Mark Dale

- A Booth said the position was posted as per CUPE rules approx 6-12 months ago, there was one applicant who didn't meet requirements.
- M Dale requested members provide comments to the existing posting, agreed the position should be full-time and continuing.
- A Booth said original position was term to organize for the full position, should be posted external too.
- G Fondahl and A Booth discussed how several organization now have positions of this type and there are many areas where the position has been placed, e.g. in Facilities where the

position is more operational. Need to decide what want the position

- B Deo said what is important is keenness and interest, an election might get people who are interested but not appointed. M Dale agreed stating his concern regarding people elected with personal agendas.
- G Fondahl asked about terms. A Booth responded there are no terms currently because VPs and Deans are there based on their position, representatives of staff and faculty could have terms that end because representing their constituencies.
- N Novak agreed with having one open session per semester, still need someone championing communications to the university community, parking fee concerns may be caused by lack of education.
- M Thompson asked about setting a regularly scheduled meeting. M Dale replied yes but need one asap because of the Green Coordinator.

#### **5. Carbon Neutral Action Report – Eileen Bray**

- B McGill commented that the report was hard to read. S Rennick responded that it was done this way to match specifications from the Ministry of Advanced Education and Labour Market Development, Capital Branch, and acknowledged the 19 character max was difficult.
- K Aben said we need a summary that is more easily readable, volunteered to create such a summary.
- D Smyth and N Novak asked how “complete” and “in progress” are defined. S Rennick responded “complete” is what has been fully done, “in progress” is what the university is working on within budgetary constraints.
- A Booth asked if there were plans to complete the black sections. S Rennick replied this is a working document for future/ongoing projects, must be updated annually.
- R van Adrichem asked (re pg 4 bioenergy) what proportion of our campus uses fossil vs renewable fuels. Where we are in ranking could make a difference for our priorities. S Rennick replied that we can ask what various universities operate on and how much they use – suggested getting a list of 5 key questions.
- K Aben wondered what the government is using this for, what are the long-terms plans. S Rennick noted the smart tools for reporting is not up yet.
- B Deo said ultimately we need to know where we stand and where we want to go. S Rennick replied that built into the projects is to reduce consumption.

#### **6. Generating Revenue for a UNBC Green Fund – Mark Dale**

- Conversation lead righ

- J Young reminded everyone that the parking fee is done, it is in the budget and was approved by the Board.

**MOTION:** That the committee members accept the report as submitted to the President. (A Booth/ B McGill) CARRIED

**ACTION:** R van Adrichem to place document online with the proviso that it is open for additions.

**ACTION:** M Dale to draft email response to complaints then circulate.

- Discussion regarding Green Coordinator – J Young expressed concern regarding hiring someone without knowing how much money generating, B McGill said it's important that money be left for proposals.

**MOTION:** To hire a Green Coordinator, pending funding and further details, with the understanding that the salary is not to exceed 2/3 of the UNBC Green Fund, so that at least 1/3 is available to fund proposals from the community. (A Fredeen/A Booth) CARRIED

#### 8. PICS-UNBC Campus Coordinator (Kyle Aben) – Ken Wilkening

- K Aben introduced himself – background in international studies, focus on forestry, consultant, excited to here

#### 9. PICS Campus Coordinator as a Member of the Green Committee – Ken Wilkening

**MOTION:** To accept the PICS-UNBC Campus Coordinator, Kyle Aben, as a member of the Green University Committee. (G Fondahl/M Thompson) CARRIED

#### 10. PICS Report as a Standing Item – Ken Wilkening

- Discussion tabled until next meeting

#### 11. Adopt Green Strategy – Ken Wilkening

- Discussion tabled until next meeting

#### 12. Green Day

- R van Adrichem received the report from Jamie on green site, summarized green day - over 500 people voted, lowest group in attendance was faculty, #1 voted on item was recycling, #2 item was sustainable transportation, event success was due to student involvement, thank you to all for your work

#### 13. Facilities Issues

- Discussion tabled until next meeting

#### 14. Recycling Update

- L Burke said the recycling bins at the Northern Sports Centre and residences are for all to use, plus there are 10 interior stations to arrive any day, expensive, funded by parking reserve

#### 15. Other

- M Thompson asked if we are doing anything for Earth Day. L Burke suggested waiting until April 22 to put out the bins. R van Adrichem said he would put this on the home page.