

Green University Planning Committee

December 6, 2010

MINUTES

3:00-4:30pm

Senate Chambers



Attendees:

Alexie Stephens, NUGSS
Anke Krey, Graduate Student
Arthur Fredeen, Professor, Ecosystem Science and Management
David Claus, Energy Manager
Daniel Ryan, Dean, College of Science and Management
Danielle Smyth, Green University Research Project Manager
Eileen Bray, Vice President Administration and Finance
Gail Fondahl, Vice-President Research
John Young, Dean, College of Arts, Social, and Health Sciences
Ken Wilkening, Associate Professor, International Studies
Kyle Aben, PICS
Leslie Burke, Purchasing Agent
Nadia Nowak, NUGSS
Rob van Adrichem, Vice-President External Relations
Shelley Rennick, Director, Facilities Management
Trevor Fuson, CUPE

Regrets:

Alex Lautensach, Assistant Professor, Education, Terrace Campus
George Iwama, President
Mark Dale, Provost (Chair)
Sarah Boyd-Noel, PGPIRG

Recorder: Danielle Smyth, Green University Research Project Manager

1. Approval of Agenda

- Approved

2. Updates:

Local Food Day November 17

3. Green Fund (old business)

a) Pinecrete Green Fund Proposal E. Bray

- This item was tabled until the next meeting.

<p>ACTION: D Smyth will provide G Fondahl with the Pinecrete proposal and she will investigate ownership of the product.</p>

b) Bear Proof Bin Proposal D. Smyth

- D Smyth reported that the request of this proposal had already been partially fulfilled by Facilities (i.e. a Bear Proof garbage bin has replaced regular garbage bin in the bus loop) and that perhaps it was no longer appropriate to approve this proposal.

- S Rennick added that that the requested bins system is not in line with our current contractor's collection system and this will create major logistics challenges for Facilities staff. Furthermore S Rennick indicated that purchasing such bins falls under the budgetary responsibilities of the Facilities Department not the Green Fund.
- N Nowak questioned whether placing a bin on the trail connector was necessary.
- S Rennick indicated that there have been littering issues in that area and that they do need a bear proof garbage bin at that location, especially given that the new trail system will likely increase traffic in that area.

MOTION:

Update on Approved Green Fund Proposal

- K Wilkening noted that he had received a letter from the School of Nursing (Greening SON Project) indicating that that they accepted the conditions and funding. NUGSS (Pub LED Lighting Project) has not sent their letter of acceptance yet.

4. Green Fund (new business)

a) Revised Green Fund Guidelines (attached) – D. Smyth

- The Green Fund Guidelines have been revised to include the following criteria:
“Incorporates elements of public education and raises awareness about sustainability across the UNBC campus community”.

- K Wilkening suggested changing the October intake to an earlier date in September to provide equal spacing between intakes
- S Rennick noted that the date was initially pushed back into October to provide new staff, faculty and students with the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the process
- A Fredeen also mentioned that September is a very busy time for most people on campus and that keeping the deadline in October would be preferable
- D Ryan questioned whether we need three intakes and that perhaps two would be sufficient (i.e. mid fall and mid winter)
- K Wilkening indicated that the Green Fund Subcommittee is intended to play a more interactive role with proposers and that having three cycles provides the opportunity to do so. He also mentioned that having three intakes keeps the workload manageable for the Subcommittee
- K Aben noted that regardless of whether there are two or three intakes, the two week review period for the GUPC is essential
- E Bray added that having three intake periods maintains the profile of the initiative
- D Ryan suggested removing the dates from the Green Fund Guidelines and setting the three intake period to coincide with semester dates
- G Fondahl stated that deadlines should be clearly set and that all correspondence should clearly note these deadlines (i.e. deadlines to report on progress at mid and end point of projects)
- D Claus asked about the requirement for a GUPC member to be assigned to each proposal
- D Smyth noted that this has not yet happened with proposals

