

Green University Planning Committee

Novemeber 1, 2010

AGENDA

10:00-11:00am

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- **Sustainable Behaviour Workshop**
(<https://www.eplyevents.com/Event.aspx?l=1&c=2&evt=d16ceffc-07ad-40f2-b23a-868eb05a7240>) **November 22-23, Prince George 0** **7** **a**

- R van Adrichem suggested attaching the Green Fund Guidelines and the link to the Green Fund website when sending out proposals to the GUPC during the next intake (January 17 2011)
- R van Adrichem suggested adding a requirement to the Green Fund Guidelines stating that proposals must have a public education component.

ACTION: D Smyth to revise Green Fund Guidelines to include a criteria related to public education/awareness.

- K Wilkening presented the recommendations of the Green Fund Sub-committee:

A total Green Fund budget of \$15,000 was available for this intake. The Subcommittee recommended funding 4 proposals for a total of \$15,537. Two of the proposals, however, had conditions attached to them. If these conditions are not met, funds will not be released. The four proposals were discussed and voted on individually.

#1 Ranking – Greening of Nursing Labs

- D Hemmingway commented that it is important that this project raise awareness about laboratory waste beyond the School of Nursing; perhaps there should be a caveat that the project raise awareness at regional campuses as well
- E Bray indicated that since the Green Fund is currently coming from parking revenues from the Prince George campus, we need to be conscious of this when funding regional projects

MOTION: To accept the Greening of Nursing Labs Proposal with the following conditions:

1. The project must be configured so that it fits into UNBC's present waste management system.
It is not clear that the bins that will be purchased will fit with UNBC's current recycling system. Consultations need to take place with Danielle Smyth, Facilities, and any other appropriate parties to make sure the bins purchased will be compatible with UNBC's recycling system. *The Subcommittee requires documentation that the bins purchased will be compatible with UNBC's recycling system before the funds will be released.*
2. The project must incorporate some aspect of public awareness and education that will have an impact beyond the School of Nursing.
The UNBC Green Fund logo should be used on promotional material whenever possible.
3. Any publishable work should acknowledge the UNBC Green Fund as the funding source.

(K Aben/L Burke) CARRIED

#2 Ranking – NUGSS LED Lighting Retrofit

- D Ryan asked why the University would not already be funding the project if there is a business case for the project
- D Claus commented that the University might eventually fund a project such as this (as part of an ongoing efficiency upgrade), however, financing through the Green Fund would push this project ahead much sooner.

- E Bray clarified that the University pays the utility bills for the NUSC; meaning that any savings from this project would return to the University
- D Ryan asked if the savings would be returned to the Green Fund
- E Bray indicated that any rebates offered through the upgrade would be returned to the Green Fund and also highlighted that NUGSS as a business was contributing \$500 to the project
- R van Adrichem suggested that the majority of the savings (from electricity reduction) also be returned to the Green Fund
- R van Adrichem noted that this topic requires more discussion during the next GUPC meeting and that perhaps it should be specified in the TOR or Green Fund Guidelines where savings be returned
- D Smyth noted that Revolving Loan Funds are an option for funding green projects and reinvesting savings
- K Wilkening noted that loans would be an effective funding mechanism for certain projects

#3 Ranking – Pinecrete Picnic Table Prototype

- D Ryan asked if the Pinecrete group is a business entity and who would profit from the sale of the tables
- E Bray questioned if this project was appropriate for Green Funds or if it should be funded through the Office of Research
- S Rennick agreed and suggested that the Green Fund Guidelines should request that proposers indicate which criteria their proposals meets and provide justification
- K Aben commented that the environmental benefits of utilizing pinecrete vs concrete are substantial

#4 Ranking –

- K Wilkening highlighted that perhaps this proposal was not in line with the existing recycling program at UNBC (i.e. proposal indicates single stream recycling while UNBC source separates).
- D Smyth confirmed that UNBC's current waste contractor will not accept co-mingled recyclables
- S Rennick noted that a recycling container for beverage containers would be sufficient since most people will only be recycling pop and water bottles, etc.
- A Fredeen questioned whether or not these bins would be used enough to justify their installation

MOTION:

Adjournment 11:13 am

Next Meeting December 6, 3:00-4:30 pm, Senate Chambers