

## Notes

### In Attendance

Sacia Burton, Nadine Cruikshanks, Alan Cumbers, Connie Graham, Graham Pike (C), Kim Sharpe, Ray Tomalty (for Don Alexander)

### Regrets

Matt Bowes, Michael Carpenter Colleen McVeigh, Tracey Terepocki, Lynn Wytenbroek, Dave Twynam, Warren Weir

### Recorder

Margot Croft

#### 1. Review of January 15, 2016 notes

Notes were approved as circulated.

#### 2. Agenda Approval

The agenda was approved as presented.

#### 3. Updates

##### 3.1. Mural Proposal

Various technical features of this proposed project were discussed. Heather Pastro indicated that needed tools and space could be made available. It was suggested that a request for clay donation could be made. Aspects of where and how to mount the mural were explored. Logistics of participant availability were considered and it was suggested that teams could complete a panel.

A budget will be developed and from there financing the project will be explored.

##### ACTION

- Heather will discuss projected costs with Scott
- Heather will chat with Scott and Lynda about the project
- Margot will discuss projected costs with Lynda

### 3.2. Connie G – Bicycle Pedal Power Station

When reported to the Students' Union (SU), this project garnered positive response. As requests to Engineering and Trades have had no response, it was suggested that this project may be something the SU may want to take on. Other possible staff contacts were also considered.

#### **ACTION**

- Connie and Sacia will report back to the committee re SU interest in taking this project on
- Connie will contact Paul Mottershead and Les Malbon re interest in this project.

### 3.3. Matt B – Interest-free bike loan

Tabled until April

## 4. Applications for Review

### 4.1. Endorsement 2016-02-01 – VIU Beekeepers

An application seeking support of a bee box building workshop was received. The committee was unclear on some of the requests contained in the application, as well as the specific target audience.

#### **ACTION**

- Margot will follow up with Liz with questions from the committee.

## 5. New Business

### 5.1. Earth Charter partnership

Nadine will be meeting with others on Vancouver Island to see how others have used the Earth Charter in moving their sustainability across the curriculum actions forward. The Faculty of Education is interested in affiliation with the Earth Charter, and there was some discussion whether VIU as an institution should pursue an affiliation. It was noted that as VIU has signed the [Tailloires Declaration](#), it may have, by default become an endorser of the Earth Charter; however, this does not appear to be the case.

### 5.2. Models for promotion of sustainability across the curriculum

Tabled

## 6. Old Business

### 6.1. STARS Coordinator proposal development

Steve L. was asked about committing some resource to an individual who could assist VIU in development of a STARS™ report as well as to facilitate increasing VIU's STARS™ rating currently projected to be hovering just below bronze. It was noted that similar positions existed, but the reason for those positions not being renewed was unclear. Further, it was observed that, at this time, there is no central organization or hub to communicate and/or coordinate current actions happening around campus.

Steve advised the following:

- Consider if cultural change/action would be brought about by a report or affiliation
- Build a case for the position referencing the Academic Plan and other planning documents; the roll out of graduate attributes; and experiential learning strategies.
- Consider facilitation of creating an interdisciplinary course that builds in campus sustainability initiatives
- Develop strategies and opportunities for student experience
- Provide input into the Update of the Academic Plan
- Not to wait for the updated Academic Plan to initiate strategies

**ACTION**

- The Committee will draft a brief of recommendations for the Update of the Academic Plan.

***Topics for April meeting***

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- Develop a briefing document for the Update of the Academic Plan

**Next meeting**

Friday, April 15, 2016 1:00-2:00

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