

Notes (Draft)

	Present	Regrets		Present	Regrets
Linda Bracken (for Don Alexander)	X		Graham Pike (Chair)	X	
Matt Bowes		X	Kim Sharpe	X	
Michael Carpenter	X		Chantelle Spicer	X	
Nadine Cruikshanks	X		Tracey Terepocki		X
Alan Cumbers		X	Dave Twynam		X
Addison Herman	X		Warren Weir	X	
Colleen McVeigh		X	Margot Croft (recorder)	X	

1. Agenda Approval

The agenda was approved as circulated.

2. Review of April 15, 2016 notes

Notes were approved as presented.

3. New Business

3.1. Welcome new members

Chantelle Spicer and Addison Herman--VIUSU representatives--were welcomed to the group.

3.2. Faculty of Education – Sustainability Action Plan (Nadine)

Faculty of Education Activities Update

- The faculty has created a sustainability action plan within the department that includes everything from individual vision statements of sustainability to integrating sustainability into coursework
- A Bachelor of Ed in Sustainability is being developed
- Funding has been secured for an outdoor learning space, and a committee has been struck to develop this.
 - Michael C is interested in being involved with this project.
 - It was advised that Campus Development (Craig Hanson or Drew Taylor) be apprised of this project, and invited to this committee.
- Cross-curricular work includes interdepartmental work first with SHAPE
- The faculty will continue with a book club related to Sustainability
- Planning to have a town hall meeting with students – initially with education students—to ascertain what areas of sustainability students are interested in pursuing. Chantelle S Linda B, and Addison H are interested in being involved with this project.

- Faculty will continue with student community action projects that are intended to be guided by a tenet (or tenets) of the Earth Charter
- Nadine will undertake Earth Charter training later in July with a colleague from the faculty
- Gerben van Straaten (one of the Earth Charter architects) is willing to work with the Ed department
- Nadine is happy to invite Gerben to a future SAC meeting

Faculty intent is to work with SAC and has requested that any concern with their activities be communicated. It was discussed that:

- All opportunities to integrate all of the VIU community be taken
- Updates to the committee would be appreciated.
- The faculty's model provides great leadership for others.
- The Faculty of Education is strongly encouraged to give input to the Academic Plan update.

3.3. Messaging for New Student Orientation (Margot)

Several opportunities to communicate institutional sustainability objectives include--
 VIU New Employee Orientation – unknown, to be determined
 VIU Connect Fair at Cowichan– August 31, time to be determined
 VIU Connect Fair at *Rock VIU: Welcome 2 Campus* – September 1, 11:30-2:00
 VIU Learning Fair – September 27 (Upper Caf) and 28 (Lower Caf), 11:00-1:00

The committee would like representation at these events.

ACTION

Margot will touch base with various organizers set up presentation times.

3.4. Messaging for Faculty/Staff Orientation (Margot)

As above.

3.5. Meetings Dates (Committee)

Committee meeting dates for September, October, January, February, April, May, and June will be set with the possibility of more meetings if necessary.

4. Old Business

4.1. Decision—Mural Project

This project has been approved in principle, subject to funding. Details around times and funding, will be developed. Grant review/suggestions would be welcome.

ACTION

- Margot will apprise Lynda Faulks of this decision.

4.2. Decision—Nanaimo Car Share

Chantelle and Addison will check into this with VIUSU. A decision will be deferred to September.

4.3. Update--Interest Free Bike Loan (Matt)

Deferred until September.

4.4. Report/Discussion—Senior Management Group Meeting (Graham)

A working group from SAC came together to develop a proposal for a formal Office of Sustainability at VIU that would consist of a director (a senior admin position that would be member of President's Council) and a support position. This proposal was then presented at an SMG meeting.

The proposal was generally well received, and it was advised that this proposal be done with the Academic Planning update process in mind. Further, it was agreed that Graham and Alan will do a joint presentation at the next round of budget deliberations for next fiscal year.

ACTION

- Graham will submit recommendations re an Office of Sustainability to the Academic Plan update process.
- Margot will schedule time for Graham and Alan to meet.

4.5. Report—Sustainability Activities on campus (Margot)

Earth Day event – increased participation, worked with SLM group

Carbon Neutral Action Report report submitted and can be reviewed here:

<https://www2.viu.ca/sustainability/CarbonNeutralActionReport.asp> .

Bike to Work Week – VIU ridership increased 119% (68 riders) and had the highest number of signed up riders of any organization in Nanaimo. Nanaimo's totals *Riders 663 Total kms cycled 26,678 km*

Commuter Challenge -- Also the most number of participants.

Energy Wise Network—is the next iteration of WCA and is a partnership with Fortis and runs from September to March. VIU has applied to be part of this initiative.

PowerDown20 – a summer initiative where folks are asked to take on a new challenge for 20 (work) days. Plan to start on June 27.

AASHE's Sustainability Officer Retreat – Margot will attend this event the end of July with folks from across North America including Ira Feldman Sustainability Curriculum Consortium.

Sustainability Fair – Wednesday, September 28

It was noted that the Committee appreciates Margot's continued work on projects, and encouraging/engaging the VIU community in areas of sustainability.

Topics for September meeting

- *Mural project logistics*
- *Nanaimo Car Share decision*
- *Bike Loan updates*

Next meeting

Friday, September 23, 2016 1:00-2:30
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