

Notes

	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	Lynn Wytenbroek		X
			Margot Croft (recorder)		

1. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as circulated with the addition of a report from Addison H.

2. Approval of June 16, 2016 notes

Notes were approved as circulated

3. New Business

3.1. Report – Education, Ethics, and Values for Sustainability (Nadine)

Nadine reported on this event, and thanked the committee for its support. The most significant takeaways from the Earth Charter training were the multinational development of the Earth Charter, its pedagogical strength, and its use of a whole-systems model.

The Earth Charter is currently being used in VIU Education programs and will be woven more fully into the curriculum over time.

Nadine will be presenting at [WestCast](#) (February 16-17) and plans to invite [Gerben \(van Straaten –author of Earth charter Cities Manifesto\)](#). It was suggested that the Urban Issues Film Fest and International Ed may be interested in working with Gerben as well.

Nadine inquired if SAC funds might be used to bring Gerben to VIU and/or for banners of the Earth Charter to display at events.

ACTION

- Margot will touch base with Nadine on how the breakdown of N's grant allocations.
- Nadine will send a WestCast link to all.

3.2. Report/Discussion -- Academic Plan Update

The institution's value of 'Sustainability' has undergone some change in the current draft of the Academic Plan Update. 'Sustainability' is now paired with well-being. It was discussed that while many aspects of the update help clarify VIU's direction, the 'Sustainability' + 'Well-being' statement is ambiguous and lacks intention; neither sustainability nor well-being is clearly defined; and the lack of clarity may lead to confusion not to use the more succinct world-wide terminology.

ACTION

- A statement will be drafted, reviewed by the Sustainability Advisory Committee, and forwarded to Dave Witty and the Academic Update committee outlining concerns noted above.
- Matt will ask his grad students to do quick research on global trends in the use of 'sustainability' and 'wellbeing'.

3.3. Report – Budget presentation re Sustainability Office development (Graham/Alan)

A proposal for an Office of Sustainability (director reporting to VP Academic, with a dash line to EDFAS and an assistant) has been drafted and will be presented at Budget Presentations. As these are long-term positions, the proposal faces challenge, but is supported by FAS (Operations) and IE (International Education).

SMG has been made aware that other institutions are making bold statements on sustainability which is, in part, used as a recruitment tool as well as demonstrating a values fit which goes beyond 'the right thing to do.'

3.4. Report—Sustainability Activities on campus (Margot)

- **Sustainability Fair** will be held September 28.
- **The Energy Wise Network (EWN)**, a partnership between Fortis and BC Hydro, will take the place of the Workplace Conservation Awareness program that Hydro has been running for the last several years. VIU will be expected to plan and implement 2 campaigns from September 2016-March 2017. EWN will provide training, support, and \$1000 toward these efforts.
- **RE*VIU team**—a multidisciplinary 'green team' is being built and is open to students, staff, and faculty.
- **Writing Instrument Recycling** will no longer result in funding for VIU, but pens, markers, and mechanical pencils will still be collected and taken to Staples who will send the items out for recycling. Otherwise, VIU would need to purchase a writing instrument recycling box (prices vary—estimate it would cost around \$400/year to maintain program).
- **Institute for Innovation in Education Event (iie)** -- Nadine & Margot will present a 2-hour workshop at this event-- *Sustainability Across the Curriculum - Broadening Vision and Practice beyond the 3 R's* on Friday, November 4 from 1:30-3:30. The intent is to give the honorarium received for this presentation to SAC's funds to promote sustainability across the curriculum.
- **Public Sector Commitments in BC's new Climate Leadership Plan** – a recent phone conference with the Climate Action Secretariat outlined a vision of expected public sector participation in BC's Climate Leadership Plan and includes the creation of 10-year emissions reduction and adaptation plan from all provincial public sector operations. https://climate.gov.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/13/2016/06/4030_CLP_Booklet_web.pdf

3.5. Sustainability Actions Presentation – Addison H.

Addison's presentation outlined sustainability initiatives that are happening at post-secondary institutions across Canada. Taking on some of these initiatives at VIU may help build synergy across post-secondary institutions in sustainability action efforts.

ACTION

Addison will be invited to a meeting with FAS to discuss these proposals.

3.6. LEEDS programming--FY Information

Although not official, VIU is confident a new Health & Science Centre building and Automotive Marine Trades Reconfiguration will be built, with construction to start in the very near future. As part of this, there will be LEED® training events in relation to these buildings. All (students/staff/faculty) are invited to attend either or both sessions.

ACTION

Margot will send invitations for these events to all.

4. Old Business

4.1. Nanaimo Care Share (Committee)

VIUSU has had no response from this group.

DECISION

Table until there is more contact from Nanaimo CarShare.

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

A response from purchasing is pending, but the current financial records system doesn't have the capacity to manage an interest-free loan. This deficit is expected to change soon.

4.3. Updates

- Orientation events (Cowichan, New Student Orientation, Join One) went well.
- The Mural Project is being communicated to the VIU community. Margot will be in touch with Matt with this, and Addison will bring the event up with clubs.
- PowerDown20, a summer energy-saving initiative was well received, but participation was poor.
- AASHE's Sustainability Officer Retreat was a terrific networking opportunity and presented a number of strategies for sustainability change management.

Next meeting

Friday, October 21, 2016 1:00-2:30
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