

## Notes

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

### 1. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as circulated.

### 2. Approval of October 21, 2016 notes

Notes were approved as circulated.

### 3. New Business

#### 3.1. Applications

- 012017-SACGRANT WESTCast (Nadine Cruikshanks, Faculty of Education)  
 The committee reviewed this application and asked for further clarification on how the use of funds would benefit the VIU community as well as how they would benefit the department.

#### **ACTION**

Margot will contact the proponent and request further clarification as outlined by the committee. The proponent is then asked to circulate the updated application to the committee via email so that an expedient decision can be reached.

Margot will send a reminder to committee members that there are some funds available for use before March 31, 2017.

### 3.2. Upcoming Events (Margot)

- Wacky Woollies Week – February 6-10  
This behavioural initiative will run during International Development Week with some crossover events. This year's event will ask participants to tell the story of their sweater (or other woolly). The committee is encouraged to participate in both weeks in some way. More information is available here: <http://sites.viu.ca/sustainability/sustainability-events-2016-17/2017-woollies-week>
- Water Flicks – April 12, 2017  
As part of the Regional District of Nanaimo/City of Nanaimo/Nanaimo & Area Land Trust's (NALT) Water to Earth Month, VIU Sustainability will be partnering with the World Leisure Centre of Excellence to host an evening of short films with a water theme. It was suggested that VIU Horticulture may like to take part and discuss xeriscaping. More information about Water to Earth Month can be found here: <http://www.rdn.bc.ca/cms.asp?wpID=2154>
- Co-Curricular opportunities  
A request has been made to include 'green team' activities as part of the Co-Curricular record program for 2017-18. <https://www2.viu.ca/ccr/what-is-ccr.asp>
- Carbon Neutral Action Report  
This report, changes to SMARTTool, the program used to calculate an organization's carbon production, and other shifts in BC's carbon neutral government were discussed at the Climate Action Secretariat event in November. There was discussion around planning for resilience. The government has proposed that, as well as the annual Carbon Neutral Action Report (CNAR), a 10-Year Resilience Plan – to be updated annually—be produced. There is no timeline on when this report will be required. Presentations from this event can be viewed here: <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/climate-change/policy-legislation-programs/carbon-neutral-government/carbon-neutral-corner/pso-symposium>  
  
BC Public Service Organizations (PSO) are required to write an annual CNAR outlining all measures taken by an organization to decrease its carbon footprint. If committee members have stories of how VIU has worked to become carbon neutral in 2016, please forward them to Margot by March 31, 2017. Previous years' reports can be viewed here: <https://www2.viu.ca/sustainability/CarbonNeutralActionReport.asp>

### 4. Old Business

No items for discussion.

### 5. Updates—

#### 5.1. Academic Plan statement (Graham)

The committee's recommendation to clarify 'sustainability' in the Academic Plan was received, and the second draft of the Academic Plan has changed slightly. Under Challenges and Opportunities, sustainability and well-being are promoted, and alignment of operations with sustainability goals is outlined. Sustainability and Well-Being are also linked as one of the eight Core Values. Sustainability is not referenced under the 35 recommendations for action. The updated Academic Plan was endorsed by Senate at the December 2016 Senate meeting. The updated Academic Plan can be seen here: <https://www2.viu.ca/pvpa/documents/Final-SenatecopyJanuary2017.pdf>

There has been no response yet to the budget proposal for a sustainability office.

It was suggested that in next fiscal, sustainability projects be outlined by the committee with funds attached, and that one project would be to develop student leaders in sustainability.

## 5.2. Sustainability Event Updates (Margot)

- Sustainability Mural  
This project will not move forward at this time. Thanks to the committee for its support and insight in the endorsement of, and promotion of, this project.
- Holiday Shutdown Challenge Results  
55 staff avoided using about 578kWh (2 weeks)  
16 Residence students avoided using about 680 kWh (3 weeks)  
Staff results were reported to both those who participated, and in the Digest newsletter. Several comments thanked the sustainability team (that includes the Sustainability Advisory Committee) for its work.
- RE\*VIU team (low attendance)  
There has been little interest in this activity from both students and staff.
- Energy Wise Network Summit Report  
This summit was held in Vancouver January 18-19, and was a good opportunity to network with not only those in the post-secondary sector, but others as well. The Energy Wise Network program will be offered again, and will run for a full year (April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018). Interested groups need to apply to this program which will provide support (financial and 'know how') for behavioural initiatives intended to decrease electrical and natural gas use. VIU is exploring this opportunity.

### **Next meeting**

Wednesday, February 22, 2017 1:30-3:00

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