

## Notes

	Present	Regrets		Present	Regrets
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
Dane Gibson	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 presented with the addition of a WESTcast update.

### 2. Approval of January 25, 2017 notes

The notes were approved as circulated.

### 3. New Business

#### 3.1. 2017-18 Budget Update (Alan)

A budget request for a Sustainability Office was not approved for the coming 2017-18 VIU Budget. It was discussed that the committee will likely make a request for the 2018-19 budget.

#### 3.2. Suggestions for SAC projects for remaining SAC funds

A number of suggestions as to how to make the best use of SAC Grant funds were discussed. The following was decided:

- Banners that depict sustainability and sustainability education. The intent is that one will have the word 'sustainability' on it, and others with the Earth Charter logo.

**ACTION**

Nadine will be in touch with Communications in developing these.

- Prizing for a Sustainability logo contest (details to be determined) to be held in September. The goals of the logo as well as accompanying messaging will be discussed at the April meeting.

**ACTION**

Margot will procure prizes (gift certificates to the Campus Store, and/or ethically sourced items).

- A ‘Green Drinks’ event to be held on March 17. This gathering is for students, staff, and faculty. It is intended that this event will follow a panel discussion format with the intent of providing a forum for attendees to share some of their sustainability actions, and to hear about the work of others.

**ACTION**

Margot will—

- Research and determine space for the event and develop an estimated budget for these expenditures. This information will be shared with the group.
- Contact committee members for assistance in setting up the Green Drinks event

3.3. Suggestions for SAC projects for 2017-18

- Student ambassador training program (Don A)  
In order to build stronger capacity in student engagement with sustainability, it was proposed that students from UBC present to identified first- and second-year students at VIU.

The third week in September has been identified as a possible time for students to meet. This program will be discussed further at the next meeting.

**ACTION**

- Nadine will contact Mallora Rayner (World of Walas/Friends of Earth Charter) about this pilot program.
- Nadine and Don will work together in developing a structure for this.

**4. Old Business**

There were no Old Business items for discussion.

**5. Updates—**

5.1. WESTcast Update (Nadine)

The title of this year’s national conference on education was *MOVING FORWARD: Engaging Conversations in Sustainability, Creativity, and Technology in Education*. A wide, and comprehensive spectrum of sustainability perspectives were covered in this event.

There were a number of highlights in the program including presentations by Sean Atleo and Rick Scott. Of particular note was Hossein Raeesi, VIU’s first [Scholar at Risk](#), who was hosted with the support of the Faculties of Education, Social Science, and International Education. His visit has sparked deeper conversations around social justice, and what action VIU can take in supporting and fostering social justice in its communities. It is intended that VIU will continue to support scholars at risk, and faculties will be canvassed for ideas and support. It was noted that there will be a March 2 meeting in Cowichan to discuss on how to support current and future students at risk.

Gerben van Straaten ([Earth Charter](#), [World of Walas](#)) was not able to attend the event, but has offered to work with VIU on future events.

5.2. Sustainability Event Updates (Margot)

- Wacky Woollies Week was challenged with snow disruption, but partnering with International Development Week (IDW) worked well. The area of success in this initiative was awareness with a number of face-to-face connections through IDW as well as through taking advantage of social media ads.

**Next meeting**

Wednesday, April 26, 2017 1:30-3:00  
B305 R444