

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 circulated

2. Approval of February 21, 2017 notes

Notes were approved as circulated

3. New Business

3.1. Native plants on campus (Chantelle)

Chantelle reported that there is a large stakeholder group (Kwulahsulwut Garden) interested in building native plants on campus. It's hoped that appropriate native plantings can be done around Shq'aphut (the Gathering Place) and the new Health & Science Centre. It was noted that the rabbit population could be a significant barrier to these efforts. The Kwulasulwut Garden group is also organizing a speaker series for next September and through the fall term.

Various connections among internal departments were discussed, and the large ad hoc committee at UVic, which is doing a great deal with both internal and external stakeholders, was referenced.

The committee requested that they be updated periodically on this project.

ACTION

- **Margot** will send out link to this group, and those interested can request to be added to the list.
- **Alan** will connect with Chantelle re landscaping plans for the new HSC.

3.2. Student Bursary (or other recognition) for sustainability studies (Addison)

Addison noted that his award for the Green Ideas event, though much appreciated, may be difficult to spend on a study. For future events, having clearly defined deliverables with relevant incentivization such as gift cards to campus services could aid in making events more attractive and gaining stronger student participation. So, as a recurring theme, how might a forum like Green Ideas work, and how can it be effectively incentivized.

The committee discussed possible deliverables related to Addison's award, and the possibility of sharing his work with students in various disciplines such as Education and Geography.

ACTION

- **Linda** will send along links to scales that help to quantify well-being to the committee.

3.3. Youth Climate Voters initiative (Nadine)

Members of the UBC Ambassadors group contacted Nadine about Youth Climate Voters, a youth organization comprised of UBC, SFU, and Capilano students who are creating a province-wide campaign encouraging youth to vote, and to vote with climate change as a priority. The group was looking for connections with VIU students who may be interested in taking up this initiative here on campus. The information was forwarded to the VIU Students' Union members March 27.

It was noted VIUSU was doing a vote campaign on campus, and that ACER was encouraging folks to chat with their candidates re climate change.

ACTION

- **Chantelle** will touch base with VIUSU and request they get in touch with Nadine re this opportunity.

3.4. 2017-18 Project Endorsement/Sustainability Across the Curriculum (Graham)

It was noted that the budget request for a Sustainability Office and for funding for sustainability projects were declined. A similar request will be made for the 2018-19 budget year.

International has graciously offered to give \$5000 from their 2017-18 budget to sustainability projects. \$1000 of this has already been allocated to Green Ideas event. Thus, \$4000 available to fund other initiatives that would be approved/overseen by this committee.

Chantelle noted it may be possible for some areas in VIUSU to help fund an initiative -- as VIUSU Womens' Student Representative, she may be able to make \$500 available to a woman student who presents sustainability initiative e.g.)

It was discussed that a larger conversation around VIU's reticence to take on sustainability at an institution-wide level was needed. A student summer research project to develop a report on the value of sustainability at VIU--with documented evidence from other post-secondary institutions--was suggested. Funding would come from the remaining \$4000. This report would be needed by mid-August so that results could be incorporated into budget presentations.

ACTION

- **Graham and Margot** will put together a job description for this summer position.

4. Old Business

4.1. 2016-17 Curriculum Grant Budget Report (Margot)

A breakdown of 2016-17 expenditures was presented.

4.2. Student Ambassador Training (Don/Nadine)

Nadine has signed on to be a pilot institution for Earth Charter Youth. This pilot will start in the fall and is intended to help set up a network of Earth Charter Youth at various post-secondary institutions. Nadine will be working with UBC students who are doing an internship with the Earth Charter group, and who are also part of UBC's Sustainability Ambassadors program.

It was discussed that promotion for bringing VIU students together for this pilot needed some thought.

4.3. Logo Contest (Margot)

The idea of a logo contest was discussed with the Communications folks. They are not keen on this idea for a number of reasons which include--

- It could muddy VIU's brand
- It goes against Graphic Artists of Canada's principles on ['spec' work](#).
- the winning graphic may not have the technical aspects in its construction to make it flexible for a variety of uses

More thought will need to go into this type of sustainability awareness through visual design contest.

4.4. Green Ideas Debrief (all)

The Green Idea event was discussed and it was decided that it is a worthwhile event to continue. Some suggestions included --

- Not holding it on a Friday afternoon
- Reviewing possible conflicts with other events on campus
- Longer lead up to the event

ACTION

- **Margot** will connect with James and Jess in VIUSU re getting events in the Student Calendar that does out to students.

5. Updates—

5.1. Sustainability Event Updates (Margot)

- Humpback Comeback!—about 105 people from as far away as Campbell River. Good mix of age groups in the audience and it also attracted some BC-renowned experts. Thanks to Chantelle for helping out and attending!
- Water Films—smaller audience—but well received. The partnership with the city and with RDN as well as the World Leisure Centre of Excellence was terrific.
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6. Information Items

Council of Canadians will show film – [Hands On: Women, Climate Change](#) – the first in a series of film events.

7. Items for next meeting's agenda

- Engagement strategies, and inclusion of VIUSU in the Earth Charter Youth pilot will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Planning for year to come.
- How to connect in to more sustainability events around campuses. Sustainability Events Calendar.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, May 24, 1:30-2:30

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