



Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday, January 17, 2018 2.00--3.30
B305 R458

Agenda

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of November 29, 2017 notes Attachment 1
3. New Business
 - 3.1. Pedal4Power Bike location (Margot)
 - 3.2. FYI - Campus as a Living Lab Conference (<https://www.ccuen-rccue.ca/en/2018-conference>) (Margot)
4. Old Business
5. Updates—
 - 5.1. Sustainability Across Curricula event update (Don et. al.)
 - 5.2. Value of a Sustainability Office Report (Graham)
 - 5.3. Green Ideas Event (Margot)
 - 5.4. Energy Naughty or Nice campaign (Margot)
 - 5.5. Items to be added to a VIU Sustainability map

Next meeting
TBD

Notes

	Present	Regrets		Present	Regrets		Present	Regrets
Don Alexander	x		Colleen McVeigh		x	Chantelle Spicer		x
Matt Bowes	x		Linda Bracken	x		Warren Weir		x
Michael Carpenter		x	Graham Pike (Chair)	x		Lynn Wytenbroek		x
Nadine Cruikshanks		x	Kim Sharpe	x		Alyson Winks		x
Alan Cumbers	x		Andrea Smilski		x	Margot Croft (recorder)	x	
Addison Herman		x						

1. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as circulated.

2. Approval of October 12, 2017 notes

The notes were approved as circulated.

3. New Business

3.1. Transportation Demand Management (Michele Patterson, Presentation)

Michele's PowerPoint (attached) delineated a variety of factors to consider in the update of VIU's TDM. The Committee was asked what part it will play in helping develop and implement the updated TDM. The need to consider social sustainability equally and integratively with environmental and wellness aspects of transportation was emphasized in the thoughtful and thorough report.

It was noted that currently, the TDM is in the information-gathering phase. Any action undertaken based on recommendation and other research will be dependent on all stakeholders.

3.2. Energy Naughty or Energy Nice Initiative (Margot)

This initiative—intended to bring awareness of, and action in, energy use on campus—was launched in the cafeteria today. There are two parts to this initiative—a selfie contest for all, and a checklist of items turned down/off/unplugged over the Christmas break for VIU staff and VIU Residence. The main metric will estimate the electricity avoided by turning things off. Last year, it was estimated that avoided energy was equivalent to the energy it would take to run an average BC home for a month. More information can be found at -- <https://www.bit.ly/VIUEnergyNice> and <https://www.bit.ly/VIUshutdown17>

3.3. Water to Earth Month 2018 (Margot)

This is the second year that VIU will participate in this event. There was great interest in last year's water film. The group is hoping to entice more participation from VIU students in the various events being planned for this March-April initiative. Note that there is interest in working with students or having opportunities for them to do course-related work as part of Water2Earth month. As well, students could get a Co-Curricular Record as Sustainability Assistant if they chose to volunteer in some way with this initiative. Ideas around inspiring increased participation and/or how to get the word out to faculty/students are welcomed.

3.4. GIC Mapping Practicum Project (Margot)

Margot will be interviewing 3 students next week who are interested in making a VIU Sustainability map as well as adding transportation elements to it. This idea was forwarded by Kathy MacAro who wrote *The Value of A Sustainability Office* over the summer (a work-op position), and is based on this map from the University of Arizona https://sustainabilitymap.arizona.edu/?_ga=2.9301365.1550164810.1499100279-2086897599.1499100279 .

The finished product is expected to be an interactive map that will be used on a VIU Sustainability web page with the overarching intent to show students/staff/faculty and the wider community how VIU is sustainable.

ACTION

Matt will chat with Sylvia re appropriate Indigenous information that should be included

All are requested to—

forward any information about sustainability projects on campus that could be included in the map
ask others for information that could be included

4. Old Business

No items for discussion.

5. Updates—

5.1. Sustainability Across the Curriculum event updates (Don, Margot)

Planning is moving forward. The room booked, and Margot will be chatting with Lee-Anne re catering in the next few weeks. [Dr. Robert Gifford](#) has accepted an invitation to be the keynote speaker for this event.

5.2. Value of a Sustainability Report updates (Graham & Alan)

Graham will write a letter to go with Kathryn Macaro's report (*Value of a Sustainability Office*) to be delivered to senior management before Christmas break. Although funding will likely remain stagnant for a sustainability office for the next two years, the intent is to keep sustainability in folks' minds.

5.3. Video Exposure – Pedal 4 Power project (Margot)

The group is nearing completions of their project, and would be interested in doing a video about the project. This will be followed up in 2018.

5.4. How to Let Go of the World and Love the Things Climate Can't Change update (Margot)

9 viewers came and enjoyed this film.

5.5. Green Ideas Event (Margot)

There was some discussion around next steps and who may like to be a guest dragon. It was decided that a save the date note should go to Ralph and other senior management, as well as The High School principal.

ACTION

- Margot will chat with Alyson re getting information built up and out.

Next meeting

In January after the 15th