

Notes

	Present	Regrets		Present	Regrets		Present	Regrets
Don Alexander	X		Linda Bracken			Warren Weir	X	
Matt Bowes	X		David Paterson	X		Lynn Wytenbroek		X
Michael Carpenter			Graham Pike (Chair)	X		Alyson Winks		X
Nadine Cruickshanks	X		Kim Sharpe	X		Lindsay McCunn	X	
Alan Cumbers	X		Andrea Smilski		X			
Colleen McVeigh		X	Chantelle Spicer	X		Margot Croft (recorder)	X	

1. Approval of Agenda

Approved as circulated.

2. Approval of February 14, 2018 notes

Approved as circulated

3. New Business

3.1. Sci-Fi Fantasy Film Fest (Chantelle)

It was suggested that Sci-Fi /Fantasy film screenings could be a fun way to engage with the VIU community in a new way. Although very much still in the planning stages, a general format would be to show a—or several—film, then discuss trends, ideas, and themes around sustainability. Films could be shown monthly, or in a movie marathon style. The SU Pub was suggested as a venue. Some early suggestions for films include, but are not limited to:

- Idiocracy <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0387808/>
- Wall-E https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0910970/?ref =nv_sr_1
- Total Recall https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0100802/?ref =nv_sr_2
- Avatar https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0499549/?ref =nv_sr_1
- Princess Monoke https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0119698/?ref =nv_sr_1
- Blade Runner https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0083658/?ref =nv_sr_2

ACTION

- Chantelle will touch base with VIUSU re possibilities
- All will send ideas for films to Chantelle and Margot.

4. Old Business

4.1. Value of Sustainability Report presentation to SMG

Response to Kathy Macaro's report was positive, and there is an understanding that VIU does something higher profile than the current status quo. It has been asked that the proposal for a sustainability office be reworked to include a clear budget and 'ask,' and then re-submitted.

As well, there's been some new momentum around Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) which includes a call from the President asking to what extent activities on campus align with the SDGs. Thus, there is sharpening focus on not only on environment, but initiatives that fit with poverty reduction, equality of access, etc.

It was suggested that in developing the sustainability office proposal, incorporating SDGs into that could help in aligning with a wider institutional vision.

As well, examining how the SAC aligns with SDGs may assist in demonstrating that the SAC is involved in supporting more than only the environment.

ACTION

- Graham will work with Margot on revising and readying the proposal for resubmission. The revision will be sent to the group for comment/feedback and discussed at the May meeting.

5. Updates—

5.1. Sustainability Across Curricula debrief (all)

This event was successful and analysis of outcomes will assist in developing next steps in supporting sustainability across curricula. Analysis and feedback will also go into a brief report to SMG about the event.

ACTION

- Lindsay and Linda will work on content analysis (with a possible third review by Margot) for next meeting.

It was suggested that hosting a student-centred event and comparing notes could reveal opportunities for developing better integrated support and for future events.

The group is interested in doing the event again next year with possible ties to the Provost office.

5.2. Green Ideas Event (all)

Very poorly attended, but lively conversation, and revealed that all areas and those who work in them may not have a voice in sharing ideas for sustainability. It was decided to keep this initiative going and work on advertising it to the VIU community (students, staff, and faculty) more effectively and earlier. As well, using technology (Zoom eg) to allow other VIU sites to take part should be explored.

5.3. VIU Sustainability map (Margot)

This map is now complete and we are waiting for IT assistance in getting it published online.

5.4. Pedal4Power (Margot)

The project is now ready for display. A launch date will be decided—likely September. It was suggested the bike—as well as going to Education and Health & Human Service areas for short-term display/use, may also find its way down to the Cowichan campus.

5.5. Nanaimo Transportation update (Alan)

The VIU Mobility Taskforce is now reviewing suggestions from the World Café and earlier Watt Consulting processes. The taskforce will be making short- medium- and long-term recommendations for a 'made-for-VIU' remediation of mobility challenges at the VIU Nanaimo campus. It was noted that this is not an exercise to increase the cost of parking to (gain revenue).

5.6. Water2Earth Film event (Margot)

Mark Leiren-Young, award-winning author, was invited to read from his most recent book *The Killer Whale Who Changed the World*, and to screen his short documentary *The Hundred-Year-Old Whale*. One of the key cinematographers, Rayne Benu, was also able to join in the evening to add her insights. It was well received with positive feedback from all participants.

Also related – Water Symposium asked for some support for their event, and SAC contributed \$250 to the April 11 Water Symposium held in Nanaimo. In return, 3 students were invited to join at no cost. One student took up the offer.

Note from organizer

Hello Chai and William:

The Nanaimo Area Land Trust and the Partnership for Water Sustainability on Vancouver Island held the *Water Stewardship in a Changing Climate Symposium* at the Coast Bastion Hotel on April 11 & 12. The symposium was a very successful event with about 150 people participating in the Day 2 presentation, discussion and town hall sessions. The importance to our water resources of effective collaboration with the stewardship sector came through loud and clear and attendees left the symposium energized, with a renewed sense of optimism and focus.

The symposium was made possible with the financial support from our sponsors. I would like to thank you and VIU personally, and on behalf of the Organizing Committee, for your contribution to the event.

In the near future, presentations and other information related to the symposium will be on the waterbucket.ca website. Please have a look, and feel good about the assistance you provided for this important event.

And please stay tuned to waterbucket.ca for future events from the Partnership.

With appreciation,

John

*John O. Finnie, P.Eng.
Chair, Symposium Organizing Committee*

5.7. Bike to Work Week/Commuter Challenge (Margot)

Happening May 28-June 9, these two events will be happening city-wide to encourage active transportation. VIU is taking part again this year, and this has also resulted in two SLM students being able to fulfill course obligations to take part in an event that is related to sustainability and leisure.

5.8. Post-Secondary Recycling Forum (Margot)

Margot will be attending this April 27 event at SFU.

Next meeting

Friday, May 18 10:00-11:30, B310 R101