



Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 17, 2019 2.30--4.00

B305 R444

Notes

	Present	Regrets		Present	Regrets		Present	Regrets
Don Alexander		X	Brandon Leitch	X		Chantelle Spicer	X	
Anouk Boris	X		Lindsay McCunn (c)	X		Warren Weir		X
Matt Bowes			Lynda Phillips	X		Alyson Winks	X	
Greg Cran	X		Kim Sharpe	X		Linda Bracken	X	
Caitlin Hill		X	Lynn Wytenbroek			James Taylor		
Brett Gnez	X					Margot Croft (<i>record</i>)		X

1. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as circulated.

2. Approval of November 21, 2018 Notes

Notes were approved as circulated.

3. New Business

3.1. Welcome new members

The committee welcomes Lynda Phillips, Associate Dean, Health & Human Services.

3.2. Textile suggestion exploration (Greg)

The Powell River campus, with community partners, is looking to educate and motivate action in the area of textile waste. The community sends out an estimated 12,000 pounds of textile waste each month, much of which is difficult, if not impossible to re- or up-cycle due to synthetic fibre content. As part of this action, the PR campus has responded with [Fibre Space](#) – a community drop in space where folks can come and share/learn hands on skills to re- and up-cycle textiles. As well, they are co-sponsors of an international [Wearable Art Fashion show](#).

It was noted that as a leader in sustainability, VIU may want to examine its practices and consider what kinds of textiles are being sold in the Campus Store.

ACTION

- Greg will share more information with the committee re textile waste and Fibre Space.
- Possible next steps in examining textile purchasing practice at the Campus Store will be discussed at the next meeting.

3.3. Washington/Oregon Higher Education Sustainability Conference <http://wohesc.org/>

It was discussed that this is an opportunity to watch for next year.

4. Old Business

- 4.1. Possible broad-vision projects that could engage student populations (Margot)

This item was discussed and several members will refer students to Margot.

- 4.2. Vision of VIU Sustainability in the Future William Litchfield

There is an opportunity to present future sustainability goals and actions as part of the display at the Geo-Exchange pump house on campus. PowerPoint-type presentations explaining past and current history of VIU and its relation to coal mines under the campus will run, and William is looking for ideas of future aspirations or initiatives that could be showcased in the 'future' section of this presentation piece. It's an opportunity to showcase the ways VIU could be addressing sustainability in the future be it operational or academic.

ACTION

- Committee members will share ideas on VIU's sustainable future at the next meeting.

- 4.3. Terms of Reference Update

Committee members did not provide any feedback on possible updates for the Terms of Reference circulated.

ACTION

- Margot will circulate the ToR one more time and all members are asked to review and provide feedback to so an updated ToR can be crafted.

5. Updates

- 5.1. BC Collaborative on Social Infrastructure (BCCSI) Meeting (Don)

This is a collaborative between VIU, UNBC, BCIT and SFU and is intended to "enable the institutions to use their collective energies and strengths to make real, sustainable impact in our communities."

<https://www.unbc.ca/releases/47359/four-bc-post-secondary-institutions-collaborate-on-social-infrastructure-development> This collaborative doesn't appear to be in its action phase yet.

- 5.2. Sustainability Across the Curriculum (Don, Lindsay)

The Committee was successful in its application for a Gather Grant (\$3000) for this event. These funds will help to offset the cost of the guest speaker, and will fund a student to do content analysis of information generated at the event.

This year's event will explore how to build a community with a focus of sustainability at VIU as well as looking into building a proposed 5-day summer institute (Human Dimensions in Sustainability) as a participative certificate offering rather than for credit.

All are welcome to help plan this February event. The next planning meeting is Thursday, January 31, 1:00-2:30, B305 R458.

As well, data from last year's event has been analyzed, and Lindsay will share this data when it's complete.

- 5.3. BC Cool Campus Update (Margot)

VIU declined to participate in this event citing lack of resources.

- 5.4. Energy Naughty or Nice Update (Margot)

There was a great deal of FB interest in this event, but actual participation by employees and students was low.

5.5. Pecha Kucha-inspired Event (Margot)

This event is part of VIU Global Citizens Week—Sustainability in Action. All are requested to share the information with their spheres of influence and participate in the event. ☺ The event website can be accessed with this link: <https://bit.ly/VIUpower4good>

5.6. Green Ideas update (Margot)

Planning for this event continues and all are invited to add suggestions/assist in planning.

5.7. Metamorphosis event (Don)

The movie screening event was very successful with a strong attendance, however the workshop the following evening was less well attended. The filmmakers were pleased with the turnout.

Date for the Next Meeting

February 14, 2019, 2:15-3:45
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