



## Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 14, 2019 2.15--3.45

B305 R444

### Agenda/Notes

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

#### 1. Approval of Agenda

Approved as circulated.

#### 2. Approval of January 17, 2018 Notes

Approved as circulated with small adjustments from Greg.

#### 3. New Business

##### 3.1. Barriers to committee/community participation in sustainability events (Margot)

It was noted that there was no committee presence at the SAC Using Your Power for Good event. The committee was asked the following:

- What are the barriers to participation?
- What can we do to structure events that will result in greater participation?

These questions were discussed at some length and included, but was not limited to timing of events (better earlier in the day?), to be more inclusive of community beyond the VIU campus, an evaluation of what's important to the VIU community.

##### **ACTION**

The committee will consider what in the last 2 years has worked and apply those to strategies to overcome participation barriers of both committee members and of the VIU community. These strategies will be discussed at the next meeting.

#### 4. Old Business

##### 4.1. Vision of VIU Sustainability in the Future (all)

A number of thoughts were shared and included predictive scenarios that would illustrate VIU's energy use with no energy reduction strategies in place compared to projections of energy avoidance because of anticipated strategies.

##### **ACTION**

Committee members will send their ideas to Margot.

#### 4.2. Terms of Reference Update (all)

Proposed changes to the Terms of Reference were reviewed. A completed draft copy will be circulated for final approval at the next SAC meeting.

### 5. Updates/Information

#### 5.1. BCCSI Meeting (Don)

This meeting was very interesting, and the program has tremendous potential. The four institutions are working to build community capacity in areas such as sustainable campuses, procurement, library and community, First Nations and financial issues. Each institution will focus on a particular area (VIU's is First Nations and financial issues). The next meeting will likely be held at SFU.

#### 5.2. Sustainability Across the Curricula Event (Don, Lindsay)

The event has 2 parts—gathering ideas on how to support faculty in building sustainability into curricula, and exploring the possibility of a Summer Sustainability Certificate program.

#### 5.3. Green Ideas update (Margot)

Put event on FB

Margot will be hunting for dragons!

#### 5.4. Water2Earth Event (Margot)

FYI – VIU Sustainability will be hosting a movie night event as part of the larger community-wide Water2Earth month. [Watermark](#) will be shown. More community events are listed here: <https://www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/team-watersmart>

#### 5.5. Sustainable Clothing

Sustainable clothing—and other goods-- has been followed by the Campus store, which purchases ethically sourced goods as much as possible.

### Date for the Next Meeting

Informal meeting March 21, 2019 (after the Green Ideas event).