

## KPU Environmental Sustainability Committee April 13, 2016 9:30 – 10:30 am Surrey, Arbutus 2410

## **Minutes**

Attendees: Jeremy McElroy, Murdoch De Mooy (KSA), Tanvir Singh (KSA), Betty Worobec, Robert Ball, Paul

Richard, Marlyn Graziano, Karen Hearn (Chair & Minutes)

Regrets: Stefan Durston, Arthur Fallick, Allison Gonzalez, Rebecca Harbut, Heather Harrison, Mairi Lester

Agenda	Discussion	Action Item
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3. Action Items	Reviewed status of previous Action items: <b>AASHE STARS - Betty</b> will report out on reporting metrics at President's Council to get the support of the Dean's and Unit Heads and to have them start sharing this information so it is fanned out.	Betty
	Fair Trade Campus – Jeremy completed application though did not submit as discovered KPU does not meet required criteria due to Starbucks coffee in the Sodexho run cafeteria. Starbucks do have a fair trade alternative that could be considered. Marlyn will speak to Stefan to see if Sodexho will be open to using Fair Trade beans.	Marlyn
	Sustainability Policies – Karen & Betty determined strategy to move this forward with Karen & Gidget arranging to separate the previous documents into individual pdf's for each policy and preparing a cover memo requesting assistance. Karen will distribute the policies & memo to those Betty and she identified. Committee members want to be provided a copy of the email and the separated pdf's though do not want to be copied each time the request is distributed.	Karen
	Invite Alan – Michelle was to invite Alan to the meeting. It was suggested in future include Keri on the invite.	Michelle
4. KSA Update	Karen noted that she changed this item to earlier in the agenda and recommends that it be in this position on future agenda's (Michelle) to ensure adequate time to learn of the many sustainability activities the KSA are leading.	Michelle
	Jeremy provided an update including:  Surrey campus garden is adding 10 more beds with (1) bed being wheel chair accessible as recommended by the University Space Committee.  Next Wednesday is the garden build for this season.  Kwantlen Street Farmer's Market is opening at the end of May on Tuesdays from 3 – 7 p.m. in the north east portion of the parking lot.	

5. Sustainability Week Planning Update	<ul> <li>Confirmed still wish to continue with the approach determined at last meeting as described below:         <ul> <li>Differentiate the focus between Sustainability Week and Eco Days. Sustainability Week will focus on KPU and its internal community. Showcasing what practices are currently happening within our own departments. Eco Days will be student focused and include external organizations and what students can do themselves.</li> <li>Use departments who are considered "champions" in sustainability to showcase their practices and inspire/challenge others to participate.</li> <li>Faculty could be asked to include a required "sustainability" project to be displayed during sustainability week.</li> <li>Continue with same branding for the event.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
	Betty will send a call out in May to encourage faculty to think of projects with their students.  Betty & Karen to send request to Keri asking if there is a possibility for the President's new intern to assist in organizing the event as occurred last fall.  Michelle to add Sustainability week planning for the June meeting.	Betty Karen/Betty Michelle
6. Reporting on Sustainability for Vision 2018	Reviewed briefly the reason and what we do for this review as the KSA attendees had not all received meeting materials. Discussion as to how to support this activity without a dedicated resource to assist. Betty offered to prepare this year's draft. Karen will arrange for Gidget to provide the listing of sustainability events that were gathered for inclusion in the Carbon Neutral Action Report.  For the longer term it would be ideal to be able to engage students in experiential learning including gathering data and contributing to the report.	Betty  Karen/ Gidget
7. Talloires Declaration	No update from last meeting when it was identified: It was reported that KPU has agreed to sign the Talloires Declaration. Official announcements will be made once the paperwork is completed and a communication plan is in place.  Marlyn agreed to follow up	Marlyn
8. Membership	Betty & Karen determined that it will be beneficial to have Facilities Services representation on the committee. Harry Gray is reviewing and will notify who is to be the new representative.	
9. Other Business	Sustainability Cohort – Betty and Paul provided information on the multi-disciplinary courses for the cohort. Plan to market this opportunity in future. The focus for the offerings has been at the Richmond campus. The committee members are excited by this new cohort and encourage that there be digital badges or some form of recognition for this grouping of studies.	
10. Next Meeting	Michelle to schedule the next meeting after Convocation (week of June 6th).	Michelle