



Minutes

Attendees: Alan Davis (co-chair), Iain Hunter, Melissa Drury, Rebecca Harbut, Todd Mundle, Erin Pedersen, Ellen Pond, Karsten Purbs, Paul Richard, Karen Terblanche, Betty Worobec, and Caroline Lillico (minutes)

Regrets: Marlyn Graziano, Robert Ball, Thomas Kwadzovia, Sarah Strachan, and Gidget Maguire

Guests: David Sadoway, Rick Feng (KSA Practicum Student – Geography Program)

Agenda	Discussion	Action Item
1. Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agenda approved as circulated 	
2. Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Minutes of August 13, 2019, were approved as circulated. 	
3. Action Item Updates	<p><u>Energy Manager Position</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Davis advised that the Energy Manager position is still pending. Since the last meeting, he has been in discussions with R. Khakbaznejad. It is noted that BC Hydro is not guaranteeing funding for this position and a one-year period, but it is known that they have extended funding for these positions elsewhere. As the funding for the position is not renewable definitely, it is likely the Energy Manager position will be filled as a casual service contract. Dr. Davis will continue to receive updates from R. Khakbaznejad and report back. 	A. Davis
4. Food Procurement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> K. Purbs provided a brief overview on the idea of procuring KPU grown foods for the cafeterias on campus'. It was determined that potatoes would be the best food choice for our cafeterias. It will be a few weeks yet before they can harvest the potatoes, and in the meantime the team is looking at ways of how to implement. Marketing is assisting in providing promotional materials for this initiative. Rebecca Harbut's team is to be commended for their enthusiastic support for this initiative. K. Purbs also provided an update on the Food Services Contracts. These contracts with Sodexo will end June 2020 and our committee is in the reviewing stages of a food services plan. Feedback from staff and students were sought, which will inform decisions. A consultant will be contracted to help guide the committee. K. Terblanche indicated that Procurement Services is involved and new contracts will be determined before the existing ones expire. 	
5. EAUC Endorsement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Davis thanked David Sadoway for bringing this initiative to his attention. Most ESC members responded and supported the signing of this letter, as well as faculty councils. The Board of Governors will be apprised of EAUC this week as well. It is anticipated that Dr. Davis will be signing the letter/agreement by the end of the week. Committee members engaged in a discussion regarding the implications of signing and committing KPU to the Carbon Neutral goals. It should be noted that there are varying ideas of what Carbon Neutral looks like, and we need to start with that and determine what Carbon Neutral would be for KPU. I. Hunter noted that the Provincial Government provides KPU with about \$85K per year for efforts working towards Carbon Neutral (government standards), he also indicated that there 	

	<p>should be financial considerations when committing to EAUC. While there is incoming funds to support structural changes, it will take some time before we come to realize “Carbon Neutral” for buildings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was further discussed that signing this letter means we need to set out a plan, and perhaps even strike a committee who would work on different aspects of the plan. In this way, the new Energy Manager position would be able to support these efforts. • B. Worobec noted that the KPU Credential Framework could include these efforts as well. Dr. Davis will discuss this idea in conjunction with AC 14 Policy with Dr. Vanderburgh. • Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions at University of Victoria has funding for student-led climate action research. It’s funded by the Provincial Government. Could we have D. Gupta look into this further and see if it’s possible to have this offered at KPU? • P. Richards was approached by someone from Royal Roads regarding sustainability and curriculum. He’ll reach out to this person for more information. 	<p>A. Davis</p> <p>P. Richards</p>
6. Sustainability Week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I. Hunter provided the update on Sustainability Week. Lori Scanlon, from Facilities Services, will be organizing the events. The dates for the events are October 21st to October 25th. Each campus will have their own event on a specific day. It was mentioned that on the Friday of that week, KPU Richmond is having their Open House and it would be a good idea to have the Sustainability Week event on that day. I. Hunter will follow up with L. Scanlon. Many thanks to Lori Scanlon for taking on the Sustainability Week events. 	I. Hunter
7. Dogs in Classrooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To further this topic, Dr. Davis will discuss this with J. Harding and A. Jaffer. 	A. Davis
8. KSA Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KSA has been working with several local environmental organizations to ask the City of Surrey to declare a climate emergency, which has involved organizing public and student attendance and advocacy at City Council meetings. • KSA helped organized the recent Surrey Climate Strike with local groups Surrey for Future and Reverse the Climate Clock. There were 180 attendees at Holland Park on Friday, September 20th. • KSA helped mobilize students to attend the Vancouver Climate Strike as well, although the Richmond event was organized by the Sustainable Agriculture Student Association. • Currently they have a practicum student working on internal KSA initiatives such as the air travel policy, mugshare program & sustainability training for the student council. • Upcoming events include Campus Sustainability Week and workshops at Stress Relief Week (there will also be dogs) 	
9. Facilities Update	<p><u>Recycling at Libraries</u></p> <p>I. Hunter advised that more recycling containers were added to the Libraries and no further concerns/complaints have been received.</p>	
10. Next Meeting	C. Lillico will consult calendars and suggest a meeting late November	
11. Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 12:45pm	