

KPU Environmental Sustainability Committee

Meeting Notes

June 17, 2013 – Inaugural Meeting

Meeting commenced at 3:30 pm

Present: Karen Hearn (Co-Chair), Betty Worobec (Co-Chair), Marlyn Graziano, Maggie Fung, Heather Harrison, Scott Gowen, Steve Dooley, Paul Richard, Jeremy McElroy, Richard Hosein, Saima Zaidi (guest), Gidget Maguire (Guest), Farhad Dastur (Guest).

Karen and Betty outlined the intent and mandate of the Committee.

Karen introduced Saima Zaidi, co-op student who was hired to conduct a university-wide survey of all sustainability related initiatives.

Farhad Dastur (Faculty of Arts) presented a draft proposal for a campus-wide composting program whereby KPU organic waste would be collected, composted and products used to fertilize community gardens. The Committee requested that Farhad prepare a white paper on the project, meet with various other interested parties (such as the KSA) and present his proposal to the Committee in the Fall.

Karen led a tour of the Surrey Campus facilities to showcase all the sustainability features in new building construction.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm with a plan to meet in July.

July 16, 2013

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Regrets: Steve Dooley, Richard Hosein, Jeremy McElroy.

The focus of this meeting was to review and revise the Committee Draft Terms of Reference. Other than minor editorial changes, the Committee included a new item under Duties and Responsibilities to reflect community involvement.

Action item: Heather to draft wording for this additional item. See attached TOR with edits in yellow highlight.

Other topics discussed included:

- The need for a process for vetting proposals.
- Identifying gaps and reporting to the President.
 - Committee to draft 5 and 10 year plans for KPU with doable, tangible goals.
- Invite groups/individuals doing sustainability work to present to the Committee.
- POST students to be given a project to identify 'best practices' across Canada, US, etc.
- Communication and awareness:

- EPT student blogs – make open to the public.
- set up a listserv or e-news link for interested parties.
- revamp website, ensure visible link on KPU homepage.
 - include recent news, Facebook, Twitter feeds, etc.

Ideas for the official launch of the Committee were discussed:

- Formal announcement by President Davis and associated press releases (internal and external)
- Committee-led presentations to University Executive, students, Administrative Council, Academic Council, Faculty Councils
- Host an Open House similar to those held in conjunction with the KPU Strategic Plan and Academic Plan.
 - means of presenting the results from Saima's survey and the Committee's short term and long term goals.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00am.

Next meeting to be arranged for mid-August. Invite Saima to report on her findings to date. Plan on official launch of the Committee and associated events.