



KPU Environmental Sustainability Committee

Friday, August 30th, 2013 @ 10:00 am
Surrey Birch, Room 106

Minutes

Attendees:

Karen Hearn (Co-Chair)
Betty Worobec (Co-Chair)
Heather Harrison
Scott Gowen
Marlyn Graziano
Paul Richard
Steve Dooley
Saima Zaidi (guest)
Michelle Molnar (minutes)

Regrets:

Jeremy McElroy
Richard Hosein
Maggie Fung

1. Approval of Agenda:

- Added 7. Steve Dooley - information on KEYS and Fair Trade Conference.
- Added 8. Karen Hearn - information on landscape maintenance.
- Agenda approved as drafted

2. Approval of Minutes for August 13, 2013:

- Minutes approved as drafted

3. Betty – report on presentation to Academic Council:

- **Betty** presented the Terms of Reference and the feedback was very positive.

4. Discussion on ‘how’ the Committee can accept, vet, and act on submissions.

Ideas were discussed:

- The Committee vet ideas and forward to the appropriate department.
- The Committee should speak to Jason Dyer about having a Catalyst Grant awarded by this Committee.
- The Committee could develop a budget proposal for our own grant.
- The Committee would assist in research and lobbying but not be the lobbyists.
- The Committee could help identify funding opportunities.

5. Meeting with President Davis

- **Saima** is scheduled to present her report to the President on Thursday, September 5th.
- **Betty** and **Karen** will attend in support

6. Plan the official launch of the Committee and associated events:

- The official launch will be in conjunction with Sustainability Week (October 21-25).
- **Heather** discussed the Fortis BC funding and a student assistant for organizing KPU Sustainability Week events
 - Fortis has awarded \$15,000 for a student focused initiative
 - \$5,000 would be used to pay for one or two student assistants
 - Discussion about how the students would apply and be paid
 - SPF? Co-op? Student Assistant?
 - **Karen** and **Heather** are working on a Job Description
 - **Marlyn** would look into an SPF
 - **Betty** has agreed to be the Supervisor for the students
 - A student would need to be hired as soon as possible to start on the planning process
- **Steve** mentioned the Fair Trade Conference being held on the Surrey Campus the Tuesday after Sustainability Week and the possibility of a partnership between the two.

7. KEYS

- **Steve** discussed the non-profit organization KEYS – Housing and Health Solutions.
 - They have a Community Garden on Barnston Island which provides food for their food banks.
 - Sustainable Agriculture has partnered with KEYS to teach sustainable farming to their clients.

8. Landscape Maintenance:

- **Karen** advised the committee that a sustainable solution has been found to prevent more damage to the Richmond landscape done by raccoons

Next Meeting:

- September 9 2013 at 10:00 am in 213 Surrey Main.

Meeting adjourned: 11:20 am