



KPU Environmental Sustainability Committee
June 10, 2014
10:30 am – 11:30 am
Surrey Main #214

Minutes

Attendees: Karen Hearn, Elizabeth Worobec , Jeremy McElroy, Paul Richard, Marlyn Graziano, Maggie Fung, Scott Gowen (via telephone), Lori McElroy (Guest), Mairi Lester (Guest), Gidget Maguire (Minutes)

Regrets: Heather Harrison

Agenda	Discussion	Action Item
1. Agenda:	<p>Approved.</p> <p>Added three items under Other.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. RSC Romanowski Lecture Series 2014/15 ii. Hydro Quarter 1 Report iii. KPU's First Sustainability Policy 	
2. Minutes:	March 6, 2014 Minutes Approved	
3. Measure of Environmental Sustainability that should be used for reporting to the Board.	<p>Group discussion with Lori McElroy to find a measure or measures to report out on Sustainability at KPU in support of Strategic Vision 2018. We need to provide Lori our report by end of August for rolling in with the report to the Board.</p> <p>This report would go to the Board on an annual basis with semiannual updates. They measure mostly quantitative over 5 years with some new measures. Could consider some qualitative measures. It would be useful to have a maximum of 3. This will allow the Board to see what we are wanting to measure and show what we are doing and satisfy the Board that progress is being made.</p> <p>Important to ensure that we are measuring the same way each year so data is consistent.</p> <p>Committee members discussed what does "sustainability" mean and what should we be measuring in support of the Vision 2018 commitment. All agreed that it would be beneficial to look at using an existing measurement of Sustainability. Various alternatives were explored with the group agreeing that the Association for Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) STARS rating system being an alternative worth considering.</p>	Karen

	<p>Karen identified that many she has spoken to have identified that STARS is very time consuming to complete though perhaps we could choose a few categories to start with.</p> <p>There was discussion about the potential of involving students in gathering and compiling information in their courses or as paid workers.</p> <p>Karen will provide the link to the STARS scorecard for everyone’s review prior to our next meeting. Everyone can vote on what 3 or 5 portions we want to consider extracting of this resource for measurement to make it a manageable task. There is the opportunity in years to come to add more sections for measurement.</p>	
<p>4. Membership:</p>	<p><u>Member Replacement:</u> Eric Wirsching, Director of Student Life and Science and Horticulture Representative, has replaced Richard Hossein on this committee.</p> <p><u>One year review of membership</u> – group discussed are there gaps in membership and what was our original purpose for starting committee. Mentioned considering inviting others to join the committee such as: Student Life Development, International Students, other Faculty or Academic etc.</p> <p>Gidget to send the group a copy of the Terms of Reference with the Minutes for this meeting for everyone to review in preparation for our discussion at the next meeting to consider membership and where we are at one year after the first meeting.</p>	<p>Gidget</p>
<p>5. Director of Ancillary Services to work with Sodexo and vendors to become Fair Trade University (Scott)</p>	<p>This is on the Director of Ancillary Services action list. Job posting will be coming out any day now. Karen and Betty could follow up in August to update the new person on this committee.</p>	<p>Karen Betty</p>
<p>6. KSA’s ecoDAYS@ Kwantlen update</p>	<p>Eco Days was a success. A day on each campus. Best event/turnout was for the Langley and Cloverdale campuses. Local person brought in their honey bees and did a presentation on the importance of honey bees. Not a lot of community showed up but did have community things to showcase – homemade vinegar cleaner, hand scrub etc. Dan Hall and the green team brought their energy conservation boards and had on display and answered questions from the students.</p> <p>Did some fun features like “caught in the act” where someone was found doing something sustainable like using a personal travel mug or recycling they would get their picture taken.</p>	

	<p>Turnout at campuses: Langley had about - 200 Cloverdale – 300 Richmond/Surrey – 600</p> <p>KSA would like to build this out next year and make a full scale event.</p>	
7. Other Business	<p><u>RSC Romanowski Lecture Series 2014/15</u> As part of the lecture series, Dr. Giesy will be at KPU. We could host a ½ day or full day with Dr. Giesy who speaks about sustainability and ecosystem etc. He could do some student only forums and other types of events in sustainability week at KPU in October.</p> <p><u>Hydro Quarter 1 Report</u> Karen will be presenting the 2014/15 Q1 Hydro report June 26, 2014 at the Langley Campus and has invited this committee amongst others to come and listen. Historically we only had Hydro and a few Facilities employees in attendance but Karen would like to open it up to the KPU community.</p> <p>We will do each quarter report at a different campus. This committee will be invited to each presentation along with other parties as decided by Karen at the time.</p> <p><u>KPU's First Sustainability Policy</u> The sustainability policy class has been cancelled due to low enrollment.</p> <p><u>Next Meeting:</u> Michelle Schedule our next committee meeting in July to discuss October 2014 sustainability week.</p>	Michelle
8. Next meeting	Michelle to schedule next meeting in July. (Paul is available in the afternoons Monday – Thursday or on Fridays)	Michelle

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am