

KPU Environmental Sustainability Committee
December 11, 2017
11:30 – 12:30 pm
Surrey Cedar, Room 1140

Minutes

Attendees: Betty Worobec (Co-Chair), Mairi Lester, Iain Hunter, Paul Richard, Stefan Durston, Rebecca Harbut,

Robert Ball and Gidget Maguire (minutes)

Guests: Simon Chiu, Will Bailey-Elkin

Regrets: Alan Davis (co-chair), Marlyn Graziano, Todd Mundle, Ellen Pond, Jeremy McElroy, Tanvir Singh

Agenda	Discussion	Action Item
1. Agenda 2. Minutes	Agenda – approved Minutes, August 21, 2017- approved	
3. KSA Sustainability Presentation	Will Bailey-Elkin presented his AASHE Conference & Expo PowerPoint to the group via Blue Jeans video conferencing. Noting two goals: 1) How to get KPU Farm produce into the Richmond Campus Cafeteria, and 2) How to transition the Richmond Campus Cafeteria to setting a more sustainable menu.	
	Four areas of production run by students from Sustainable Ag, Tsawwassen Farm School, Richmond Farm School and KPU faculty (Terraces/Steveston/Tsawwassen/Garden City Lands) which produces a large variety of seasonal produce.	
	They are asking for this committee to ask the Executives to initiate change and work with Sodexo to create more sustainable food systems on campus using local fruits and vegetables including that from the four areas of production set out above.	
	After discussions, committee will be moving forward with Sodexo using Horticulture, Sustainable Agriculture and Farm School produce on a regular basis.	
4. Sustainability Week Debrief	Simon Chiu provided summary from his "KPU Sustainability Week 2017 Report" for KPU's sustainability week Oct 23-26.	
	Marketing Services provided support with posters, digital signage, web page and social media support. Note for next year, it took about two week turnaround for updated poster so put request in to Marketing well in advance of next year's event so we can start planning in February and promoting shortly after.	Betty
	We had tight timeframe to plan/prepare for this year's event. When reaching out to various departments, faculties, past participants and student clubs the feedback was there was not enough notice to schedule in class/teaching schedules and the ability to staff tables. We were also running parallel with Thrive Week and Bike to work Week.	
	Committee agrees to start planning this on the Agenda in early February so that Betty and others can reach out to the faculty to see if they can incorporate in to lessons.	
5. KSA Update	KSA sent 4 people to the 2017 AASHE Conference in the States focusing on Social Justice in Sustainability. ecoDAYS is coming up in the Spring. Kwantlen St. Farmers Market in Richmond will be back in the Spring at Minoru Plaza.	

	Working on garbage bins in the Café for the new year.	
6. Facilities Update	Brew Affluent System - final design is complete and out for tender for the effluent management system; anticipate install complete in the Spring. Natural Gas Needs - Working on a scope of work for an energy consultant to review KPU's existing mechanical systems and evaluate opportunities to reduce our dependency on natural gas by using modern technology and energy efficient strategies to replace older infrastructure. Solid Waste/Cleaning Contract – increases to cleaning schedule due to growth as	
	well as increased hours and activities. Working with the KSA for new or expanding opportunities to improve our solid waste management solutions.	
7. Other Business	Paul provided the ENVI 231 Students' KPU Langley Campus Waste Audit Report. Recommendations from ENVI 231 Students to reduce landfill waste generated on campus: Systematic Changes: Increasing waste station Modifying waste stations Reducing single-waste receptacles Cafeteria Waste Separation Hand Dryers Waste Materials: Dispensers instead of disposable packets Coffee Cups (switch to compostable) Compost (add compost bins)	
	There are a number of things they suggested that would require Sodexo as one of the partners. Coffee cups take a lot of volume. Recommending to go back to compostable cups. Starbuck is not interested in compostable cups and all KPU cafeterias carry Starbucks coffee/cups. Could increase discount for bringing your own mug. Some of the recommendations are things that are not that difficult to implement such as changing from ketchup packets back to ketchup dispensers. Would love to see in house compost systems in place however don't know where it fits academically or physically. Pointed out education campaign would help reducing contamination.	
8. Next Meeting	Michelle to schedule the next meeting for February	Michelle