

KPU Environmental Sustainability Committee August 13, 2019 3:00pm - 4:00pm Cedar Room 1140

Minutes

Attendees: Alan Davis (co-chair), Iain Hunter, Paul Richard, Betty Worobec, Erin Pedersen, Sarah Strachan,

Karen Terblanche, Thomas Kwadzovia, and Gidget Maguire (minutes)

Regrets: Rebecca Harbut, Todd Mundle, Marlyn Graziano, Ellen Pond, Robert Ball, Melissa Drury, Thomas

Kwadzovia, Karsten Purbs, and Caroline Lillico

Guests: Reza Khakbaznejad

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1.	Agenda	Agenda approved as circulated	
2.	Minutes	The Minutes of May 13, 2019, were approved as circulated.	
		President's update: Iain Hunter will be interim co-chair in place of Andrew Chisholm until the new Executive Director, Facilities Services, has been hired.	
3.	Sugar Sheet Paper Initiative	T. Kwadzovia presented on the sugar sheet pilot with IT, Ancillary etc. and will now be rolling out to all of KPU.	
		Sugar Sheet is made from the sugar cane fibre called bagasse that is the residue waste fibre after the sugar is processed. Sugar Sheet paper is as good as our regular paper. Every two Sugar Sheet paper boxes save one tree and save 29.2 kg of greenhouse gas emissions. It is recyclable and biodegradable. The price is about \$1 cheaper, and it will save energy in the process of cutting paper. We have gone out to BCNet. UBC, KPU and UVIC are taking the lead on this, and others will follow.	
4.	Paper use following the implementa tion of PaperCut	R. Khakbaznejad presented on Paper Use Statistics at KPU. From 2016 to 2018, we consumed 265.13 trees. People are printing what they need to print. Users are going up from 2016 to 2018, and print jobs are going up a little, but we are still saving trees. Trees saved in 2016 were 4.19, in 2017 it was 4.61, and in 2018 it was 4.99 trees. Working with teaching and learning to see what is being printed today can be provided in a different format and bringing awareness. We could take it to the Senate Standing Committee on Teaching and Learning. We could create a survey to see the preference for faculty and students. We could say that you use the printers for quizzes and tests, mark tests online, and ask them not to share printed papers and instead have them point people to where they are electronically saved. We need to be more socially responsible. Senate and the Board of Governors are now paperless. We should be telling people to use the print shop when printing voluminous documents or sets of larger documents. We could also limit how much an employee's print card will allow the employee to print. We can say each employee can print "set amount," and then anything over would go to the print shop, which would be	

	cheaper.	
5. Procurement Services Sustainability Action Plan presentation	K. Terblanche presented on the Procurement Sustainability Awareness Report prepared by Procurement Services. This report was developed as a part of Procurement Services' initiatives to integrate sustainability into the University's Procurement Practice. The report forms part of KPU Procurement Services' three-year strategy to integrate sustainability into its procurement practices. Primary objectives: Examine the extent to which KPU's procurement decisions impact sustainable procurement outcomes. Disseminate and highlight current actions that yield positive outcomes regarding sustainable procurement practices. Summarize existing best practices and focus on developing a strategy to partner with user departments to work collaboratively on this initiative. Next Steps: Increase Procurement Sustainability Awareness. Develop Procurement tool, checklist and reporting. Become an Energy Star Participant to support energy efficiency operations.	
6. Action Item Updates	Energy Manager, Facilities An approved position is the "Energy Manager," co-funded by BC Hydro. There is the possibility that some of the ESC work could come under this position. I. Hunter noted that A. Chisholm advised his team that this was no longer approved by KPU. Dr. Davis said he would discuss it with J. Harding. Food Procurements – K. Purbs – Deferred to September Meeting K. Purbs advised that discussions are still underway with the Horticulture department and coming closer to mutual agreements. KPU Langley will be the site of the first set up. There is a greater opportunity in Richmond, and the Sustainable Agriculture department is very engaged with this opportunity. A discussion ensued regarding the Brewery providing beer for food recipes, but the challenge is that the beer is only available in kegs as the Brewery doesn't have a canning machine. A. Chisholm indicated Karsten would look into this and return to the Committee. Dogs in Classrooms – Deferred to September Meeting A. Chisholm advised that Suzy Chandra in Facilities Services had conducted an Environmental Scan (emailed to this Committee Aug 13, 2019) looking at a variety of post-secondary institutions regarding policies on having dogs/pets on campus. There appears to be a wide variety and that some institutions allow dogs while some do not. The institutions that do allow dogs vary in their policy. It would appear based on the research that it would be up to KPU's discretion to decide on policy either for or against allowing pets on campuses.	Dr. Davis K. Purbs
7. KSA Update	 Transit campaign to fill out a survey on the proposed Skytrain from Surrey to Langley. 	

	 Shoreline cleanup – found some nail guns discarded and other items. Faculty and staff are welcome to attend the shoreline cleanups. The next one is Tuesday, Sept 17, from 1 pm to 3 pm on the Serpentine Greenway. Everyone interested is to meet at the GrassRoots Cafe patio at 1 pm. Worked with SFU350 on a Town Hall at the SFU Campus regarding building a Green New Deal for Canada. There were approximately 30 people in attendance. We will be participating in Welcome Week and Orientation. We have asked Paul Richard to repeat his talk on climate change. Erin provided statistics to lain Hunter on KPU Shuttle ridership as follows: Total ridership 2018: 67,335 riders Total ridership 2017: 56,810 riders Total ridership 2016: 59,308 riders Unfortunately, the drivers only count the numbers and don't differentiate between staff and students. 	
8. Facilities	 I. Hunter provided an update on Facilities Services Putting a business case together on compostable paper towels. The bins' bags will cost us about ¾ of what our annual budget is for the year. We have to look and see what is the best path to move forward. Thomas advised that he could work with Procurement/Finance to see if we can get the extra money added to our budget for either the bags or a compactor. 	
9. Other Business	 Sustainability Week lain advised that Lori Scanlan said she could take this on with her team. Lori will reach out to Simon and get information. Lori can work with Josh and see if we can connect it with Thrive Week events. Climate Change - Paul Richard P. Richard was invited by Dr. Robin Cox of Royal Roads University to join the multi-university group "Resilience by Design" as a KPU representative and to attend a workshop entitled "Learning from Dutch innovations to address Canadian climate challenges." The group is working on developing a post-secondary curriculum relevant to climate change issues. P. Richard presented on climate change at Science word and has been asked by the Township of Langley to present at one of their events. Recycling at Libraries - Deferred to September Meeting There was a concern expressed that there weren't sufficient recycling bins in the libraries. Facilities Services will review the issue. 	
10. Next Meeting	To be scheduled for the end of September (to discuss Sustainability Week in October)	