



Minutes

Attendees: Alan Davis (co-chair), David Stewart (co-chair), Betty Worobec, Ellen Pond, Melissa Drury, Brent Elliott, Thomas Kwadzovia, Erin Pedersen, Jaret Lang, Karsten Purbs, Todd Mundle, Jaya Dhillon, Hina Kuae, Caroline Lillico (minutes)

Regrets: Iain Hunter, Gidget Maguire, Marlyn Graziano, Rebecca Harbut, Karen Terblanche, Ravinder Pal Singh

Agenda	Discussion	Action Item
1. Agenda	The Agenda was approved as circulated	
2. Minutes	The Minutes of April 28, 2021, were approved as circulated.	
3. Facilities Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• D. Stewart provided the Facilities update</li> <li>• The Richmond campus roof is slated for replacement, and the new roof will provide more efforts towards sustainability.</li> <li>• The Natural Spaces Advisory committee has had its first meeting whereby there was a good discussion around tree replacement, not just removal.</li> </ul>	
4. Campus & Community Planning Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• B. Elliott provided an overview of KPU’s annual STARs Sustainability Assessment. The attachments to the Agenda package provide more detail on the self-assessment for KPU. He pointed out that after many years of self-assessment, this year’s assessment has now achieved a full score – 4 out of 4 points. This reflects the ongoing sustainability work being undertaken and the recent completion of the campus master plan and its sustainability framework. It was also noted that AASHE has changed its methodology, which meant scoring for this year was not the same as in previous years.</li> <li>• Having achieved a full score, the next step is to consider pursuing a full AASHE reviewed sustainability assessment. To start such a process, B. Elliott will be reaching out to individuals to ascertain what data we have and what data is missing. Once done, B. Elliott will combine the information and present the findings to PUE.</li> <li>• B. Elliott presented the draft list of SEMP Projects in an effort to outline possible options to achieve KPU’s short and long-term carbon reduction targets. Creation of the project list involved looking at a number of technologies to replace existing gas-fired heating equipment. The list also identifies the age of the equipment (some as old as 1991 and 1992 at installation) and shows the carbon tax price with the anticipation that these costs will go up over the years.</li> <li>• B. Elliott further reported on KPU energy conservation and indicated that we are working with BC Hydro on this effort. Some pending projects at the Surrey campus will involve swapping out pre-existing lights for LED’s. He noted that in light of the move towards electric heating equipment to reduce KPU’s emissions, it will be important to also trim electricity use elsewhere where we can across our campuses.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He further reported on the Learning Garden project to create outdoor experiential teaching and learning opportunities as an extension of our classrooms. He is hoping to put together a working group for this project which will work with the Natural Spaces Advisory Committee's working group.</li> <li>• B. Elliott also reported that he is in consultation with the Indigenous Advisory Committee to develop an Indigenous Strategic Plan. He'll report back as work evolves.</li> <li>• He further noted that Campus Planning is looking at how to bring more stable power to the Tsawwassen Farm School and Richmond Farm School.</li> </ul>	
5. Ancillary Services Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food Services – We've transitioned to a new food service, Chartwell. We are still looking for solutions for organic waste</li> <li>• Electric Vehicle Charging Stations – Looking for funding in order to enhance the charging stations at all campuses.</li> <li>• Feed BC – is an initiative by the Ministry where it works to promote BC food items to students. We're working with Compass in order to bring this project to KPU.</li> <li>• Fleet – There is no new information regarding electric vehicles.</li> </ul>	
6. Procurement Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KPU has included sustainability requirements as part of the selection criteria on the Landscaping and Snow Removal Services competition currently posted on BCBID</li> <li>• A Painting Services solicitation currently under draft for posting in early July will also include sustainability as one of the evaluation criteria</li> <li>• As part of the strategy to enhance awareness of the importance of sustainability to KPU and the community we serve as well as learn of sustainability innovations our vendors have in place, the Procurement Services is in the process of developing and implementing a questionnaire for all suppliers to complete as part of the bid process. We anticipate having the draft ready for feedback by the end of July</li> </ul>	
7. KSA Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• E. Pedersen introduced Hina Kuae as KSA's Sustainability Specialist and Jaya Dhillon as the new KSA President.</li> <li>• She also advised that the KSA has had fewer online events planned due to the upcoming summer semester but that they are in the process of developing an event with the Library with the topic of climate success.</li> </ul>	
8. Other Business	<p>i) Joint Project with the KSA – Student Sustainability Ambassador – B. Elliott &amp; Erin Pedersen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A proposal handout for this project was circulated with the Agenda Package.</li> <li>- E. Pedersen provided a brief overview of the project, indicating several key points for the purpose of the project.</li> <li>- She emphasized that such a program would provide students with a meaningful avenue to engage with sustainability on campus.</li> <li>- KSA is offering some funding for the project, and B. Elliott indicated there could be a small pot of funding his department could contribute.</li> <li>- E. Pedersen noted that some training might be necessary and that would be made available to the students.</li> <li>- It was noted by some committee members that this project seems more of an internship rather than an ambassador.</li> <li>- B. Elliott will continue to work with H. Kuae on this project.</li> </ul> <p>ii) Dogs in the Workplace – M. Drury</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- M. Drury provided a presentation indicating the advantages and disadvantages of having dogs (pets) on campus. She further presented the relevant policy and procedures as set out by another institution.</li> <li>- After discussion, the committee members noted this issue should be handled by Risk and Security as well as HR.</li> <li>- B. Elliott noted this issue had been discussed with regards to the campus plan, and he will follow up along with Melissa.</li> </ul> <p>iii) Invitation for University Cleanup Challenge mid-October through Better Environments Inc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- After discussion, the committee members decided this project was too vague in its description and agreed not to follow up on it.</li> </ul> <p>iv) The Climate + Challenge – A Post-Pandemic Initiative – E. Pond</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- E. Pond indicated this received funding support and intends these efforts will be built into the curriculum. She’s working on the infrastructure of the project and anticipates this will be ready for the Fall semester. She requests to have time on the Agenda for the next meeting to provide an update.</li> </ul>	
9. Next meeting	It was requested to schedule the next meeting in mid-September and to be 1 ½ hours long.	