



KSA 2015 / 2016 Contributions to the STARS Rating for VISION 2018

Below are the events, services and activities the KSA has undertaken that support the KPU Environmental Sustainability Committee's metrics to demonstrate sustainability achievements towards the VISION 2018 document objectives for the year of June 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

I. Events & Engagement

- a. **ecoDAYS 2016**– *KPU Richmond, KPU Surrey and KPU Langley Campuses, targeted to general student population.* ecoDAYS is an on-campus sustainability showcase that provides opportunities for students to learn about how to reduce the environmental impact on their lives and get involved in environmental issues either on campus or in the community. In 2016 we had new participants including Emergency Preparedness Richmond, the City of Richmond, the Langley Farmers Market, the Kwantlen St. Farmers Market, the Surrey/White Rock Food Action Coalition, Village Surrey, a zero waste living booth, and Electronic Recycling Association. We served fruit smoothies made with local BC blueberries and promoted waste reduction and composting.
- b. **Kwantlen St. Farmers Market** – *KPU Richmond, targeting to KPU and the Richmond community.* In Fall 2015 the KSA held a sneak preview of the Kwantlen St. Farmers Market, a weekly farmers market launching at KPU Richmond in May 2016. The market will run from 3pm - 7pm on Tuesdays from May 31, 2016 to October 18, 2016. In addition to local vendors the TFN Farm School and Sustainable Agriculture students will be selling their products at the market. At the sneak peek we had 20 vendors including students with their own produce.
- c. **Shoreline Cleanup Summer 2015, Fall 2015, and Summer 2016** – *KPU Surrey, targeted to KPU community.* The KSA cleans up the shoreline in the Serpentine Greenway parallel to 128 Ave near the Surrey campus twice a year. Over the previous year we have picked up more than 75kg of waste. In June 2015 we also hosted a shoreline cleanup from the Langley Campus cleaning up along the wetland behind the campus.
- d. **Campus Sustainability Day Fall 2015** – *All Campuses, targeted to KPU Community.* Sustainable KSA participated in KPU's Campus Sustainability Day tabling at each of the four campuses. We hosted a Twitter photo contest to get students to tweet a photo of a sustainability action to win a waste free lunch kit. At the event we talked about waste separation and green cleaning.
- e. **Westerman Campus Garden / GrassRoots Café Patio Garden** – *KPU Surrey, KPU Community.* The garden was built in Spring 2015 and had 18 gardeners throughout summer 2015. In spring 2016 the garden was expanded from 16 to 26 plots and two additional plots were added at the GrassRoots Café. One plot was upgraded to be wheelchair accessible as well. The garden is full for the 2016 gardening season. Gardeners include KPU students, staff, and faculty, as well as KSA staff.
- f. **Clothing+ Drop Bins** – *All Campuses, KPU Community.* The KSA continues to run the Clothing+ Drop Bin program providing items to Free Clothing BC on a regular basis. This program is used by KPU students and staff.



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- g. **Composter** – *KPU Surrey*. A rotating barrel style composting unit has been running to break down pre-consumer waste from the GrassRoots Café. Since Fall 2015, the compost has been added to the community garden plots and used by individuals on their landscaping.
- h. **Bike to Work Week Spring 2015, Fall 2015, and Spring 2016** – *All Campuses – KPU Community*. The KSA supports a Bike to Work Week team called the KSA Riders and gather participants from across all four campuses including KSA staff and elected representatives, KPU students, staff and faculty. During the October 2015 event they had 10 riders and for the May 2016 event have more than 40 riders signed up.
- i. **Bike to Work Week Celebration Station** – *KPU Richmond, KPU Community and Richmond*. MultiPass has partnered with the Kwantlen St. Farmers Market to host a celebration station at the KPU Richmond campus for Bike to Work Week, they will have snacks, prizes and a bike repair station for anyone riding past on May 31, 2016.
- j. **Organics / Waste / Water Use Education** – *All campuses, KPU Community*. At Welcome Week, ecoDAYS and other small group sessions across campus Sustainable KSA has taught students about how to use the multi-stream waste system, reduce water use, and choose natural cleaning methods. These events happen three to five times a year.
- k. **Bike Workshops and Engraving** – *All Campuses, KPU Community*. KSA MultiPass has hosted a range of bike maintenance workshops across campus to provide students and staff with the skills to repair their own bikes. At ecoDAYS in Spring 2016, MultiPass had a bike maintenance specialist providing on the spot tune ups at the Richmond campus. We also had engraving tools so students and staff could engrave identifiers onto their bikes. There is increasing interest from students and staff wanting to be kept informed about bike events on campus.
- l. **Shuttle Shelters** – *KPU Surrey, KPU Tech and KPU Langley targeted to KPU community*. Shelters have been installed in 2015 at all the Intercampus Shuttle Stops. The shelters include a solar panel ceiling to power both the security lights and ad boxes.
- m. **Water access upgrades** – *All campuses, KPU Community*. The KSA worked with KPU Facilities to upgrade water fountains across campus to include cooling and bottle filling in high traffic areas. These upgraded fountains are listed on the Metro Vancouver Tap Map (tapmap.ca)
- n. **AASHE Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education** – The KSA took a delegation of five to the October 2015 conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The MultiPass Department presented on the 2014 Transportation Survey and had great feedback and questions about the project.
- o. **BC Government Climate Change Action Plan Consultation** – The KSA submitted a response to the initial round of public consultation on the BC Climate Change Leadership Action plan in Fall 2015. We also encouraged students to participate in the online survey and challenged other BC Student Associations to submit their responses.
- p. **UPass/Compass Card** – In July 2015, all KPU students were moved from paper passes to the Compass Card system for their UPass. This enables students to load their pass online and tap in and out of the transit system.