



CAMOSUN COLLEGE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held December 12, 2011

Attendees:

Peter Lockie, VP Administration (Chair)	Doug McCurdy, Purchasing
Zoe Broom, Civil Engineering	Becky Mason, Economics
Bradley Clements, Arts & Science Student	Nannette Plant, Office of VP Strat. Dev.
Anna Colangeli, Environmental Technology	Anny Schaefer, Ed. Research & Planning
Heather Deane-Clark, Practical Nursing	Kathy Tarnai-Lokhorst, Mechanical Engineering
Steve Gormican, Environmental Technology	Ian Tol, Physical Resources
Nik Hill, Admissions/Registration	Joan Yates, Communications & Advancement
Richard Kao, CCSS - Sustainability Director	
Luke Kozlowski, Enviro. Tech. Student/GoBEYOND	Rosemary Smedley, EA to VP Admin. (Support)

Regrets:

Shelley Butler, VP Education's office	David Sovka, College and Community Relations
Kathryn Le Gros, Ancillary Services	Nadine Staff, Business Student
Geoff Murray, Carpentry	Jamie VanDenbossche, Applied Research
Jerry Oetting, Mechanical/Metal Trades	Darren Vaux, Pipe Trades
Hilary Sandford, Enviro Tech/Geography	Zack Zajchowski, Counselling & Learning Cntr.

1. Review of September 27, 2011 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved as distributed.

2. Update on GoBEYOND Initiatives

Luke Kozlowski reported that the "Ready, Set, Solve" competition was won by a team from UVic. The event was very successful and there is a desire to have it take place in even more areas next year.

Luke reported on plans for the upcoming Teach-In 2012 which takes place March 5th through 16th. Luke has met with various groups in the college to encourage buy-in from faculty. There will be lunch and learn sessions for faculty on January 18th and 19th to have a discussion on how to integrate sustainability issues into the classroom during the Teach-In. March 15th is Sustainability Education Day and also Bottled Water Free Day. There will be an event at Lansdowne. Luke is also hoping to arrange a sustainability fair during the Teach-In 2012 timeframe and will be looking for speakers, sponsors, etc. Luke will forward Teach-In 2012 information to Rosemary Smedley for posting on the Sharepoint site. Council members are encouraged to forward the information to faculty and staff.

Richard Kao reported that the compost program is moving ahead with the college providing some funding and further funding to come from a student levy. There will a pilot project at

Lansdowne with the intention of expanding it to Interurban eventually. Luke has been working with the Physical Resources Department to locate compost bins in strategic areas. Students will be hired to empty the bins on a daily basis. It is hoped to have the pilot program up and running for the start of the winter semester.

Bradley Clements reported that he has been in discussions with Fairtrade Canada regarding increasing fair trade products at Camosun. He noted that Camosun already has 100% fair trade coffee. This initiative has been endorsed by the Student Society, the Environmental Club, the Social Justice Club, and the African Awareness Club. Bradley hopes to approach CCFA and CUPE to garner their support. Peter supported Bradley's request to form a Fair Trade Committee and nominated Kathryn Le Gros as a member. Any other Council members interested in being on this committee are to let Rosemary know.

3. Update on Council Goals

A report on the progress of the subgroups which had been prepared by Nannette Plant was reviewed (a copy of the report is found at the end of these minutes.)

- **Involving Faculty:** there needs to be better information sharing (EMT and departmental chairs meetings are good venues); there needs to be more face to face interaction as information sent electronically seems to get "filed" without being read. Nancy Sly has sent a request to the college for proposals for faculty Scheduled Development projects; it would be ideal to identify sustainability topics.
- **Camosun Green Page Renewal:** Nannette reported that there is confusion as to who "owns" the Green Page area of the website. Peter advised that the Environmental Sustainability Council now owns the Green Page. Joan Yates will help create a framework for submission of "green" stories and will provide quality control of stories prior to posting on the website. Nannette volunteered to update the site (but noted that design work would need the expertise of web personnel.)
- **Identification of Sustainability Activities at Camosun/Survey:** there has been some discussion regarding the logistics of a survey; it was agreed that it would be a good candidate for a Scheduled Development project; Becky Mason noted that she would be willing to participate.
- **Speakers Series:** a variety of potential speakers are being explored.

Peter noted that the Presidents Funds would be an excellent fit for a speakers series or for other sustainability-related projects. The deadline for applications is January 31, 2012; information can be found on the intranet within the President's Office section.

Peter thanked the subgroups for their work to-date and asked that they continue on with their activities and report back at the next Council meeting.

4. Other Updates

Nannette reported that plans for the student garden at Interurban are progressing (note: President's Funds were applied for and received for this project.) The garden, in the form of raised beds, will be located in front of the BIGS program area. Trades students are building the raised beds, Horticulture students will donate two days for planting the garden and BIGS students will maintain the gardens. Nannette hopes to have all planning and purchasing of supplies completed by March 31st.

It was suggested that it would be useful to have vests or t-shirts identifying “Camosun Green” on them for activities on campus or within the community. Discussion with the Bookstore would be useful.

5. Next Steps

- a) Luke will forward Teach-In 2012 information to Rosemary for posting on the Sharepoint site. Council members are encouraged to forward the information to faculty and staff.
- b) Council members interested in joining the soon-to-be-formed Fair Trade Committee are to let Rosemary know.
- c) Joan Yates will help create a framework for submission of “green” stories and will provide quality control of stories prior to posting on the website.
- d) Council members will consider potential projects that could be funded by the President’s Funds, bearing in mind the submission deadline of January 31, 2012.
- e) Subgroups will continue to work on their topics and report back to Council at its next meeting.