



**CAMOSUN COLLEGE
ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of Meeting held March 22, 2012

Attendees:

Peter Lockie, VP Administration (Chair)
Bradley Clements, Arts & Science Student
Anna Colangeli, Environmental Technology
Steve Gormican, Environmental Technology
Luke Kozlowski, GoBEYOND
Kathryn Le Gros, Ancillary Services
Doug McCurdy, Purchasing

Nannette Plant, Office of VP Strat. Dev.
Kathy Tarnai-Lokhorst, Mechanical Engineering
Ian Tol, Physical Resources
Jamie VanDenbossche, Applied Research
Zack Zajchowski, Counselling & Learning Cntr.
Rosemary Smedley, EA to VP Admin. (Support)

Regrets:

Zoe Broom, Civil Engineering
Shelley Butler, VP Education's office
Heather Deane-Clark, Practical Nursing
Nik Hill, Admissions/Registration
Richard Kao, CCSS - Sustainability Director
Becky Mason, Economics
Geoff Murray, Carpentry

Jerry Oetting, Mechanical/Metal Trades
Hilary Sandford, Enviro Tech/Geography
Anny Schaefer, Ed. Research & Planning
Nadine Staff, Business Student
Darren Vaux, Pipe Trades
Joan Yates, Communications & Advancement

1. Review of December 12, 2011 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved as distributed.

2. Report on Sustainable Education Day

The event was a great success with participation from organizations in the community, student groups and internal departments. There was a wide variety of events, prizes and a very popular free lunch. Peter thanked all involved in planning the event, noting especially Luke Kozlowski and Nannette Plant.

3. Update on GoBEYOND Initiatives

Luke Kozlowski reported that the CCSS recently passed a motion to partner with the college to fund (50/50) the labour costs for the pilot compost program. Anna Colangeli applied for and was awarded money from the President's Funds to purchase materials to expand the pilot to Interurban with the plan being to have bins and digesters in place by the third quarter.

The Teach-In which occurred province-wide from March 5th to 16th and involved 10 institutions, including Camosun, was a success though there was a decrease in participation from last year. Organizers for the next event may focus more on sustainability.

Luke noted that his term as the GoBEYOND Campus Organizer is ending and this is his last meeting. He has enjoyed the work and hopes that funding continues for the position as he sees the opportunity as being very valuable for students, faculty and staff. Peter thanked Luke for all his efforts and commitment to the environmental sustainability initiatives.

4. 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.)

a) Speakers Series:

No report.

b) Involving Faculty:

Kathy Tarnai-Lokhorst noted that faculty involvement to-date has been mainly through Luke's activities. Kathy and Becky Mason are working on developing connections between the School of Business and the School of Trades and Technology to enable joint work on sustainability projects.

It was suggested that a list of sustainability projects (such as case study, business case development) that faculty could work on during their Scheduled Development time be prepared. Council members should send project suggestions to Kathy and Becky.

c) Camosun Green Page Renewal:

Nannette has been working with Jonathan Ruhl, Ian Tol and Kathryn LeGros; work continues.

d) Identification of Sustainability Activities at Camosun/Survey

Nannette is researching existing surveys at other institutions. She hopes to have a survey ready for late August/early September with a view to launching it at new student orientations and CamFest.

e) Becoming A Designated Fair Trade Campus

Kathryn reported that she and Bradley Clements recently attended a meeting with Donna Burger (Aramark), Gilbert Noussitou (Culinary Arts), and Francis Yee (Instructor) and discussed the opportunities and challenges attached to this designation. There is some concern about costs associated with this (for example, very few companies that have fair trade coffee provide the equipment and maintenance - the cost of which would have to be passed on to the consumer.) Further research will be done to determine the viability and a recommendation will be brought back to the Council.

5. President's Funds Awards

In addition to the award of funds to expand the pilot compost program to Interurban, funds have also been awarded for the following projects: Greenhouse Sustainability, Outdoor Recycling Stations, Rainwater Harvesting Project: Phase 1, and Worm Composting at Interurban Campus.

6. Transportation and Parking Management Survey

Kathryn gave an overview of the survey (the full report will be posted on the TPM website) which is the second TPM survey (the first being in 2008.) She noted that the number of responses (2241) for this survey is highest of any survey undertaken at the college, with 21% of the responses being from students and 34% from staff. Trends are encouraging with a decrease in car and increase in bus as usual travel mode. Talks are ongoing with BC Transit to address bus service concerns raised in the survey.

7. Talloires Declaration Proposal

Steve Gormican reported that he had received a student proposal to explore the possibility of Camosun signing the Talloires Declaration. The declaration was written in 1990 and has been signed by over 420 colleges and universities in over 40 countries. Eight institutions in BC including UBC, UVic, UNBC, SFU and Royal Roads have signed. The declaration is a 10-point action plan geared towards colleges and universities committed to education and literacy in sustainability and the environment. It was agreed that the proposal should be explored further and include an analysis of costs and liabilities to the college. It was noted that the college has already implemented many of the actions listed in the declaration. Steve will report back to Council on his findings.

8. Resilient Region Community Network

Kathryn reported that Camosun hosted a meeting of this group on March 16th. It is a great forum for connecting with like-minded members of the community. Kathryn will keep Council informed of upcoming meetings.