

Sustainability Committee

MINUTES

March 11, 2020 - Room 228A – 2:30 p.m.

Present: Greg McCallum (Chair), Sheena Svitch, Cori Trinder, Brian Millis, Colleen Bailey, Morgan Jones, Michelle Chan, Reginald Goldsbury (Guest)

Regrets: Allan Knibbs, Cori Andrichuk, Karen Brewer, Darrell Bethune

Call to Order

1. Introduction of New Member

Michelle Chan, a 4th year BBA student, was welcomed as the student representative on the Committee.

2. Old Business

a. IR Report on Off-Campus Employees

We are still waiting for this as IR is busy right now. The purpose of this is to try to determine how many people are driving single-occupant vehicles to work.

b. Bottled Water Update/Terms of Reference Update

The sale of bottled water will be phased out after the fiscal year ends. Starting in September there will be no bottled water in machines and or available at Pita Wrapbit, with education around that.

This Committee actually reports to the VP Finance rather than VPAC. This needs to be changed in the Terms of Reference.

c. Sustainability Committee Website

Greg to update web with About Us section, members' names, our Terms of Reference, recycling information, transportation information, past minutes, and the AASHE logo. Colleen will check with Karla to see how this is to be done.

3. College Water Bottle Initiative

Reusable bottles with the Student Association logo will be sold in the vending machines. Talks are taking place what on the quality/price point of these bottles will be and how many will be ordered. The idea is have all students receiving a bottle in their welcome packages during Orientation; an alternative might be to just have a higher-quality bottle available in the vending machines only (perhaps both can be done). The Students Association has been working with International Education and Campus Life on this to possible pool budgets.

Further discussion arose about Orientation week and how the Sustainability Committee should have a table up during the Community Showcase to help educate regarding recycling. We'll perhaps get T-shirts for Committee members.

Greg and Sheena will make a request to CORFA to possibly donate some money towards this. Sheena will get this added to the CORFA Executive agenda.

4. Sustainability Committee Assistant Report

a. Promotional Posters

Morgan has talked to Steve regarding the coffee discount if patrons bring their own mugs. Morgan will measure the different-sized containers; Steve would like our recommendations regarding discounts. Morgan will check AASHE information on this issue as well to see what other institutions have done. The goal is to have a poster developed that would have clear sizes/discounts listed. Steve is open to doing this for fountain drinks too.

b. Kootenay Ride Share Sponsorship Opportunity

Right now Selkirk College is a sponsor. There are platinum, gold, and silver level sponsorships (\$1,000, 500, and \$250 respectively). This would have to go through President's Council as it is not something we as a committee can decide (risk, etc.).

c. East Kootenay Citizens Climate Lobby Event

The event was very positive. Morgan will send out a summary from attendees. She learned about other initiatives in town. She investigated the Cranbrook Food Recovery program (perhaps this is something that CORFA could sponsor as well). This program is interested in having a collection section at the College. Michelle also told the Committee about the Flash Food program at Superstore, which is another way food waste is avoided.

d. WeCycle Composting

This organization is wondering if students would be interested in picking up composting by bicycle. Brian indicated if he can receive something written up, he will post it on Campus Life social media as a community initiative.

5. Campus Composter Update

The composter is here. Greg showed pictures of it to the Committee. It will be located in a Sea Can outside of the cafeteria (needs to be wired and heated). The rollout will be gradual due to concerns about smell.

6. Earth Day (Week) Activities

We will have a table close to the exam table (as exams will be going during this time) and develop appropriate social media content.

7. CORFA Carbon Offsets

CORFA has committed to purchasing carbon offsets for association-related travel in the next year.

8. Adjournment