

Sustainability Committee

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September 26, 2018 - Room S220 – 3 p.m.

Present: Greg McCallum (Chair), Allan Knibbs, Sheena Svitich, Colleen Bailey, Darrell Bethune, Colleen Bailey, Cori Andrichuk, Michelle Foster, Tammy Kiss (guest)

Regrets: Cori Trinder, Brian Millis, Cori Andrichuk

1. Introduction

Michelle Foster is the new student sustainability assistant. She is also a capstone BBA student.

2. Election of Chair

Greg was re-elected as chair.

3. Sustainability Assistant duties regarding organic waste collection

Michelle did interviews with Chef Steve and Chef Tim in preparation for the College starting an organic composting program. The information was then sent to the Climate Action Group.

4. Community-Based Social Marketing Training (CBSM)

The survey Michelle did above was a CBSM survey. CBSM is part of the Climate Action Group. The purpose of the training is to look at the barriers of organic waste collection and how to get people onside and change their behaviours. A composting expert will be put in touch with us.

5. Organic waste collection plan

The idea is to roll this out in steps. In February the area will be prepared. In March organic waste collection will start with just the Culinary program and the cafeteria. The plan is to roll it out with the rest of the College next September. The resultant soil will be used on the College grounds. In the meantime, we'll be able to get the communications and education set up for it.

The College will be purchasing a bin—we have \$30,000 CBT money and the College will be contributing the rest of the funds. The location will probably be in the loading dock area outside the Class Act and cafeteria. Preventing odours from going through the ventilation system into the building is a large concern. Another concern is inadvertently attracting wildlife.

6. CBEEN conference volunteers

This is being held at the St. Eugene. We can use it as an opportunity to promote the BBA and the Environmental Certificate. There will be lots of teachers there. The times are Thursday, October 18, from 4 – 10 p.m. and Friday, October 19, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Greg and Katie Burles will be there. Tammy Kiss also volunteered to help. Colleen indicated that Communications and Marketing can provide guidance regarding promoting the College at the event.

7. CBT Climate Action – ridesharing letter of support from the College

Sustainability Kootenays (based in the West Kootenays) is looking at developing a one-stop transportation app, which includes ridesharing (they have a ridesharing app now). They are looking for a letter of support from the College. This would actually come from the president's office but with this committee's recommendation. This idea will be run by Risk Management just in case, although if no money changes hands it's not a liability issue per se if something happens.

8. Another Initiatives

Bottled water update

It will be removed gradually from the College. There is pushback if you suddenly remove all the bottled water. Education is clearly needed—perhaps through the Marketing Department. We should ask people booking events at the College to encourage their attendees to bringing their own water bottles or coffee mugs. A student referendum on the issue wouldn't be binding.

Campus Clean-Up (April 1 – 5)

This will be held when the snow melts.

Earth Day Display (April 15 – 18)

This was successful last year. Actual Earth Day is April 22 (during Easter).

Writing Instrument Recycling

They are recyclable through Staples so it would be a good idea to put a box in Shipping and Receiving like we do with the batteries. An education campaign would be helpful to encourage people to do this.

Recycling Bins in Offices

Yes, you can put plastic in there.

Electric Car Charge Station

There are two stations very close by the College campus in Cranbrook and parking is in demand, so this might come further down the road for us.

9. Adjournment