

Campus Sustainability Council | MINUTES

December 05 2014 | 1:30 pm | CFIR Boardroom

<p>Meeting called by Campus Sustainability Office</p> <p>Type of meeting Quarterly</p> <p>Chair Alana Lajoie-O'Malley</p> <p>Minute taker Andrée Forest</p>	<p>Attendees Lee Chitty, Caroline Naomi Gichungu, Ian Vickers, Jeff Palmer, Kimberly Benoit, Allan Amundsen, Len Cann, Kyle MacDonald, Janelle Laing, Melissa Dupuis, Talula Schlegel, Sarah Thorarinson</p> <p>Regrets Mike Emslie, Michael Dudley, Laurel Repski, Mike Thul</p>
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| Approval of Agenda and Last Meeting Minutes |

Motion to approve the agenda.

Moved: A. Amundsen /K. Benoit

Agenda approved.

Motion to approve last meeting minutes.

Moved: K. MacDonald/J. Palmer

Last meeting minutes approved.

| STARS Update | Melissa Dupuis

Presentation

Melissa provides overview of STARS program for group. The submission deadline is March, and the draft will be ready at the end of this month so that areas can be tweaked in the few months before submission. We are doing very well with 65.85 points counted so far, putting us at the Gold level, with points still pending in the following areas: Workers' Rights Consortium affiliation, commuter modal split, Bee Clean cleaning products, HR and Health and Safety, as well as Innovation credits.

Success areas: Diversity Foods, research (faculty and classes conducting research on sustainability-related topics), GHG reductions, academic course scan.

Areas needing work (note that points are given for current practice and policies and processes, but some of the things we do in practice are not in policy or process documents, which mean they may not necessarily have longevity): paper purchasing, e-waste processes and tracking, green building targets, reporting on cleaning products, integrated pest management strategy for landscaping, conducting outreach campaigns with measurable results, guidelines for franchises, and more opportunities for immersive learning experiences/experiential learning.

Overall we are performing very well, comparably with other top universities in North America. No university has hit Platinum level, and the process to be Platinum certified is rigorous. After the 2015 submission, next one would be in 2018.

Discussion

Specificity and finiteness of policies and processes. Determining what is practicable and what is limiting, especially with budgetary considerations.

Current practices when it comes to leased spaces and franchises on campus complying to University policies- would apply currently to food vendors and the new vendor in Duckworth.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Ask Sherman Kreiner about developments related to establishing compliance with University standards for leases and franchises.	Alana Lajoie-O'Malley	

| Action Plan Progress Updates |

Energy, GHG, Water

Physical Plant progress update on all fronts: Currently plugging away at water projects and wrapping up loose ends like Centennial Ventilation. Finishing design of library lighting control system, and submitting purchase of LED tubes for testing- project will be complete by March. Currently holding off on smart meter work until some of these larger projects are completed. Everyone will be contacted once the real-time energy dashboard will be live. Focus for next years related to GHG will be building envelopes.

Waste, Grounds, Cleaning

CSO update: Forty-eight new multi-stream bins are out on campus and have replaced many standalone or mismatched bins in public areas. Next phase will include office-level bin infrastructure, and the CSO will pilot a system for the month of January. New developments with Bee Clean related to product use will be presented at the next meeting.

Purchasing

Purchasing Department update: There is currently no standard for furniture as there is for electronics. Currently looking for benchmarks nation-wide to determine what sorts of factors should be considered, for example: recycled material content, sustainable product content, proximity of manufacturer. There are no standards like minimum content, only broad suggestions. We don't do a full life-cycle analysis on purchased materials like we do with buildings and GHG emissions. Determining these standards for various types of products would be the next step in the department's sustainability initiatives.

Transportation

CSO has commissioned the Green Action Centre to survey the campus on transportation habits in order to get baseline data about transportation. Hope is to have department managers send along to their staff for completion.

UWSA update: UPASS passed on both campuses (U of M and UWinnipeg). Date for program start: January 2016.

Along a similar vein, an EcoPASS for staff has always been part of bargaining discussions and has been on the table in the past, but has never made it in to a collective agreement. The survey may give us more information about the potential breadth of the program, though this is not an easy measurement given the change in overall cost for the university depending on uptake.

Finance, Governance and Admin

The Board of Regents approved a motion to replace finance software. The switch is set to happen in April 2016. This new system has mechanism to drill down on certain dimensions of campus operations, including transportation. However, since this is not a core component of the software, it would likely come at a later phase of system implementation.

Meeting with Linda Palmer later this month to do an overview of sustainability considerations for new housing project.

Academics

Presentation from the Academic Working Group to take place in February. Members of committee are eager to get started on facets of sustainability in the curriculum.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Set meeting with Ian Vickers about food survey.	Alana Lajoie-O'Malley	
Compare actual resource consumption of RecPlex as compared to	Alana Lajoie-O'Malley	

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the projection (note that there may not be enough data to properly compare, also still in tuning phase)

Next Meeting: Friday, February 13th, 2014 1:30-3:00 CFIR Boardroom