Minutes -Advisory Committee on Sustainability
Tuesday, May 10, 2011   9:30 am   Location: Board of Regents boardroom (A2029)

Attendance: Edwin Bezzina (via teleconference), Nancy Burt, Peter Earle, Kareem al Hassan (MUNSU rep.), Josh Lepawsky, Jennifer Lokash, Toby Rowe, Carol Tibbo (alternate for Kent Decker), Bob Walsh.

Chair: Jennifer Lokash   Minutes: Nancy Burt

1.0 Call to order and welcome: 9:30 am. T. Rowe announced that S. O’Dea Dawson will be leaving her position at MUN and on the ACS for one year. T. Rowe also welcomed Kareem al Hassan who was elected Director of Campaigns with MUNSU and who will replace M. McCarthy on the ACS.

2.0 Review/Revise Agenda: No changes to the agenda.

3.0 Approval of minutes: February 8 and April 12, 2011 minutes – approved by B. Walsh / P. Earle

4.0 Action items from previous meeting:

Action: T. Rowe to check on status of printers and photocopiers at library to see if they are double-sided. Completed.
Action: J. Lokash will send an e-mail to J. Carroll at the library to request this information. Completed. See 6.0 a)
Action: K. Aubrey to draft a letter requesting that any new development on campus be built to LEED standards. Carried forward.
Action: D. Taverner volunteered to contact Chartwell’s for stats. Carried forward.
Action: T. Rowe will check on if there are fountains in the new residences and will inform M. McCarthy. Carried forward.
Action: M. McCarthy will contact Donna Ball to discuss if we should revisit having a green cleaning policy. Carried forward.

Future Action Items
Action: K. O’Leary to contact G. Jones re giving a presentation on wind power and possible reductions on MUN hydro bills. Carried forward to Fall 2012 semester.
Action: T. Rowe to send revised ToR document (with MISU added) via e-mail to group for input. Completed. See 5.0 a)

5.0 Updates/Actions
a) Committee structure: There are currently structural changes happening in the Senior Executive Committee including the creation of a VP Council to make operational-based decisions. Nothing can be changed structure-wise within the ACS until the new structure is finalized later this fall. All members agreed to leave the ACS structure as it is until then.

b) Waste Audit: T. Rowe and J. Broadbridge (Geography grad student) will determine whether audits should proceed in the summer when most students are not on campus or hold off until fall semester. Childcare Centre is a possibility for an audit in the summer since they have a constant number of children year round.

c) Sustainability Fund: No policies meeting last month.

6.0 Reports
a) Paper and Recycling Subcommittee: No meeting last month – see action item under 6.0 e)
b) Sustainable Infrastructure Subcommittee: No meeting last month – no update
c) Policies Subcommittee: No meeting last month – no update
d) Marine Institute Sustainability Committee: No update
e) Vice-President’s Advisory Committee on Sustainability (Grenfell Campus): Grenfell has received $180,000 in funding for their composting project. Composting material will come from Grenfell campus, the local hospital and community college. The composting subcommittee will work out the logistics with custodial staff. Those contributing outside of campus will be required to bring their compost to the unit which will be located on the Grenfell campus. The grand opening is scheduled for September 1, 2011. The Grenfell community garden is moving forward. The proposal has
been submitted, campus planning will review and then send on to the Board of Regents. They are hoping to start the
garden development in July of this year. VPACS has submitted a letter to the VP of Grenfell to suggest double-sided
printing as a default on all printers on campus. E. Bezzina suggested sending a letter to professors to promote double-
sided documents. **Action:** J. Lokash to draft letter suggesting professors accept double-sided documents from students,
and will also follow up with J. Carroll at the QEII Library re printers being defaulted to double-sided. K. al Hassan
suggested putting together paper-use stats to go in orientation packages for students in the fall semester.

**f) GSU:** No update. J. Quinlan is away on a work-term for the summer. Becky Graham (GSU Sustainability
Coordinator) was invited to attend this meeting, but no response was received by the start of this meeting.

**g) MUNSU:** The student agendas for fall semester will be printed on 100 per cent recycled paper stock with vegetable-
based ink and they are currently looking into the possibility of offering an electronic version. MUNSU has a plot in the
MUN Community Garden and donated it for undergrad students to use. They are currently in discussions with Project
Green to look at restarting the BikeShare program on campus.

**h) C & C:** No update

**i) Project Green:** No update

**j) Community Garden:** All plots will be allotted by the end of this week. Orientation sessions are scheduled for May 12
& 16, 2011. The board is currently waiting on the delivery of gravel for wheelchair accessibility and also the fence will
be completed within the next few weeks. Grand Opening is scheduled for mid-June.

7.0 New Business

**a) Office Audits:** T. Rowe suggested a one page audit for each dept. so they can audit themselves re double-sided
printing, paper use, recycling, etc.

8.0 Events/Announcements

**a) Pippy Park / FEAST panel:** 7:30 p.m. on May 10, 2011 at The Rocket

**b) Sustainability Learning Centre webinars:** These webinars re employee engagement, will run over the four
Thursdays in May at 2:30 p.m. The next webinar, which is Part 2, will be held in FM2004 on Thursday, May 12.

**c) The Communicator:** Content for the next issue of *The Communicator* is due this week. **Action:** T. Rowe to check with
S. Dawson re if there is any room to promote the composter project at Grenfell.

**Next Meeting:** June 14, 2011 in the Board of Regents boardroom (A2029)