



Student Environmental Community for Sustainability

Minutes of the Meeting of Student Environmental Community for Sustainability (SECS)

Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2008

Time: 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Place: Room C244, Confederation College

Attendees: Spencer Laing, Pauline Fogarty, Robert Carty, Riel Bouchard, David Finelli, Thomas Casey, Derek Daniher, Cassandra Roy, Dave Le Framboise

Late Arrivals: None

Agenda Items: 1) L.U.S.T/ S.E.C.S Collaboration 2) Documentary 3) Events/ Green Drinks. 4) Budget 5) Recycling 6) Aramark 7) Community Involvement 8) Club Branding 9) SUCCI Club Ratification 10) The Story of Stuff

1) L.U.S.T / S.E.C.S Collaboration:

Pauline: L.U.S.T will start sending us e-mails regarding their meetings.

Riel: Asks if L.U.S.T will help us with efforts (or just us helping them)?

Pauline: Responds by saying L.U.S.T is prepared to help with the Green North Eco-Conference.

Spencer: Resolves to call Green@Work about the conference before next meeting.

2) Documentary:

Spencer: Introduces Derek Daniher.

Derek Daniher: Says he wants to make an environmental documentary for his program. He suggests a film looking at the realistic ways the community of Thunder Bay is dealing with climate change. He wants to counter the supposed current world-view that that a small city doesn't make a large impact.

Tom: Has ideas for the documentary surrounding environmental impact and sustainability. He suggests that Thunder Bay's recycling and waste management is not up to world class standards where it should be. The documentary should provide input into what the city should be doing.

Pauline: Likes the idea of profiling different aspects of the city and their environmental impacts. Humorously suggests footage of a cyclist biking to work in the winter despite the dangers.

Derek: Wants to know what is possible and what his time restrictions are and what the focus should be. He wants an unbiased film that "shows both sides of the coin". Also, wants to highlight things Thunder Bay can do that nowhere else can do!

Pauline: Would like the documentary to highlight people who are doing environmentally beneficial things.

Derek: Would like to focus on the local level and not necessarily big industry and facts that people overlook.

3) Events/ Green Drinks:

Spencer: Community Greening meets every Thursday to bring their concerns to the City Council.

Spencer: Green Drinks takes place tomorrow, Wednesday, February 20th, 2008 in the early evening. More information is required on this event. He resolves to get the group on the Green Drinks e-mail list.

4) Budget:

Spencer: Suggests the group has a potential budget of \$500.00

Tom: Proposes that group make room in the budget for the purchase of recycled paper.

Cassandra: S.E.C.S Tentative Budget

Administration	\$100.00
Fundraising	\$150.00
Paper/Print	\$150.00
Transportation	\$ 50.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 50.00
Total	\$500.00

Tom: Raises awareness of a program that provides bursaries to qualified students who complete 12hrs of community service. S.E.C.S members may qualify.

5) Recycling:

Spencer: Talked to the facilities manager about recycling. He says there is additional cost of putting all recyclables into one bin. Recool charges an additional fee for that. There is also some uncertainty as to where the bins would be placed around campus.

6) Aramark

Robert: Has informed the group that a letter has been prepared in apology to the facilities manager for missing the scheduled meeting on Friday, Thursday 15th, 2008 at 9:00am. Also, that an introductory letter has been delivered to Aramark manager Mr. Ahola. He says that Aramark is already taking steps to improve the sustainability of their catering business. He cites biodegradable packaging to be introduced next year and an extremely limited vegetarian / vegan selection as some of the steps as part of the highly questionable *Green Thread* program.

Riel: Asks somewhat rhetorically when Aramark's contract comes up for renewal.

Cassandra: Suggests pushing out Aramark and encouraging new food projects.

7) Community Involvement

Tom: Suggests that a simple survey be conducted to gauge student sentiment.

Spencer: Informs group that he knows a 2nd year student that wants to do a survey.

Pauline: Suggests some possible areas of focus for the five question survey.

Cassandra: Emphasizes importance of expanding the member base.

Derek: Suggests a forum to gauge areas of student interest in order to attract more members.

Riel: Suggests we book the common era of the college for such a forum.

Spencer: Resolves to get the club ratified by the end of the week with a concerted effort from membership.

Pauline: Suggests the group follow the lead of the Anime Club and raise interest by giving out prizes at events.

8) Club Branding:

Spencer: Applies some of his marketing training and stresses the importance of a Social Marketing campaign.

Cassandra: Remembers that the group's website would be through SUCCI.

Derek: Suggests a sharp implement stabbing Aramark as the group logo.

Spencer: Informs group that a sexy pole dancing silhouette logo is already in the works.

9) SUCCI Club Ratification:

Riel: Expresses concern over having only one signing authority over group chequing.

Spencer: Thinks that we might have a right to use SUCCI resources under the student handbook.

Pauline: Wants to get John Hendel on the group e-list.

10) The Story of Stuff:

Riel: Shows an online video about the shocking system by which material goods are produced and consumed in the contemporary economy.

Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes recorded by Robert Carty