AMS Sustainability Subcommittee
Minutes of July 6th, 2020

Attendance

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Call to Order
- The meeting was called to order at 1:03 PM

Introductions

Updates from the Chair

AMS Sustainability June Report
- [https://drive.google.com/file/d/14Pe_skj3zORD19TffTpnfoah56rcfqVWQ/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/14Pe_skj3zORD19TffTpnfoah56rcfqVWQ/view?usp=sharing)
  - June report was not approved, some members had feedback including:
    - Sustainability beyond the scope of AMS sustainability and including other AMS executives (not just the administration portfolio)
    - Other suggestions: could have been more ambitious - could target sustainable investing, net 0 by 2025, environmental costing, etc.
  - Jason will send a copy of new report once it is complete (with updated goals)
  - Kshamta and Carmen may send additional suggestions by tomorrow (July 7)
  - Jose asked what ambitious goals look like/how they can be addressed; Liska has suggestions, but we don’t have specific research or recommendations yet

- Council Feedback & Recommendations:
  - Net Zero Carbon emissions by 2025
  - Creating a climate coalition amongst student unions
  - Sustainable investing
  - COVID-19 transition
  - Supply-chain audits
  - Climate Justice
  - Environmental Costing
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Project Updates
- U-square mobile
  - Waiting for assembly will be a capstone project for an engineering student to complete this upcoming term
- Waste scale
  - Formerly in the Life Building, working on moving it to the Nest
- Runoff and revolving garden
  - Under repair, should be able to be repaired within the next couple months
- Interactive Sustainability Center (ISC)
  - A survey gauging possible programming has been sent last Friday
- Drinkfill
  - The project will be postponed until 2021 when COVID has died down
- Additional projects/updates: mugshare, thingery

AMS Sustainability Engagement Survey
- Sent to 30+ on-campus sustainability student groups
- Survey for clubs (how clubs can integrate ASAP goals into the goals and plans for clubs)
- [https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1X2wf69VFaWaz6l](https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1X2wf69VFaWaz6l)

Updates from the Committee

Food Outlets at the AMS [Carmen]
- Discussion on food and finance surplus with the AVP Finance last year
- 10/15% of cutting food costs is possible across all AMS food outlets
  - Did not settle on a specific amount, could be 10 or 15%, permanent discount for all students
- AMS might not have the finances to complete this due to COVID
- AMS experience survey → food prices are too expensive
- Liska: upstream and downstream solutions for affordability; food cost is worth the discussion, esp as it is nested in climate-friendly foods, etc.
  - Community-based perspective
- How to include more accessible foods
- Daniel: can take this discussion offline and analyze the ins and outs

SEEDS Update [Liska]
- Commissioning lots of new SEEDS projects, reviewing new MoU
- Working on CAP, food security, etc.
CAP 2030 [Bud]
- Zero Waste Food Ware Strategy has been halted due to COVID-19
- Reengaging transitioning materials for packaging
- Allison (zero-waste coordinator) is working on a publicly accessible battery box with the AMS
- Daniel: currently single-use wooden cutlery, however, it is still single-use
- Daniel: operations need to consider different outlets (restaurants, stores, etc)

Conclusions [Sylvester]
- Great to see collaborations between departments, hopefully, we’ll be able to tie in between departments once we’re able to revamp container sharing initiatives
- Adding ambitious goals: how to add goals that balance ambition with a high turnover of execs and AMS staff; want the entire student body to be engaged in our efforts

Next Meeting
- The next scheduled meeting will be on 08-04-20

Adjourned
- The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM