AMS Sustainability Subcommittee
Minutes of November 30th, 2021

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P(Present); E(Excused); A(Absent)

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 1:02 PM

CCP Sustainable Clubs Program Presentation

- Presented by Kiren Aujla, Sustainable Clubs Program Coordinator
- Please participate in our survey: [https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0Mm4InGsUWAFN2u](https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0Mm4InGsUWAFN2u)
- By doing so, it will allow us to better understand what incentives to move forward with and which frameworks work best for student clubs to support them in making more sustainable choices within their programming and organization.

Updates from the Chair

General Updates

- AMS Net Zero
  - AMS of UBC Vancouver is carbon neutral
  - We are working with Offsetters, Canada’s leading carbon management solutions provider, to understand our total greenhouse gas emissions, to reduce them as much as possible, and offset the difference by contributing to a project that prevents the equivalent amount of emissions elsewhere
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- Offsetters’ projects are verified and validated by third parties to ensure that the emission reductions are real, additional, and permanent
- The project that we are supporting is The Great Bear Forest Carbon Project – along with the climate benefits, it supports the First Nations’ communities of the Great Bear Rainforest. We’re proud to do business while taking action on climate change

● Soapstand
  - Launching in semester 2, will be hosted right beside the Clubs Resource Centre on the basement floor of the AMS NEST
  - Students can bring their own bottle to refill locally-made soap and shampoo at an affordable price

● Oscar
  - Hoping to partner with Oscar to
  - Access resources and more information about oscar using sustainability@ams.ubc.ca as the access password
    - Intuitive AI - Overview: https://docsend.com/view/m3sb8mekuw8p736g
    - Oscar Sort - Brochure: https://docsend.com/view/wszs56ccwx44chxu
    - Customer Story - Vancouver Airport - https://docsend.com/view/hemggt35jri7vz9q
    - Customer Story - ABBVIE: https://docsend.com/view/cpnygat3f2ng5yjn

● CityPod Composter
  - If any members of your undergraduate society are interested in volunteering for the AMS in semester 2 please let Jason know

● Interactive Sustainability Centre
  - GRAND opening January 18 jointly with AMS Club’s Week
  - Bothing in the Sustainability Corridor of the LIFE building for sustainability-orientated clubs and campus partners Jan 18-21, 11 am to 3 pm
    - Would the undergraduate societies + student association be interested in having a dedicated/ reserved day for booting?
  - In the ISC during the 11 am to 3 pm window, engagement events to invite people in the space
    - Contact Anisha (sustainprojects@ams.ubc.ca) if you have an engagement activity to run. This is open to campus partners!
  - New booking system: https://calendly.com/ams-isc
  - Please continue to contact (sustainprojects@ams.ubc.ca) for small-scale event bookings
  - FAQ: Capacity? Around 15 people
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AMS Sustainability Week

● Confirmed for February 14th to 18th
  ○ Monday (14th) hosted by AUS
  ○ Tuesday (15th) hosted by CUS
  ○ Wednesday (16th) hosted by EUS
  ○ Thursday (17th) hosted by LFSUS
  ○ Friday (18th) hosted by SUS)

● Action Items:
  ○ Send the following information to Jason
    ■ Name of event
    ■ Location
    ■ Time
    ■ Brief description
  ○ Submit a graphic design request form for your respective organization

Updates from the Committee

SEEDS Sustainability Program

● Climate Action & Food Systems:
  ○ Over 500 menu items were evaluated, label at Mercante and Open Kitchen
  ○ Currently working with AMS to have a label at Blue Chip and a promotion event in the Nest

● Climate-Friendly Food System (CFFS) Label Survey
  ○ https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0IB0nngeqIKTizI
  ○ Please consider taking the survey or sharing the survey with your networks (see recruitment blurb below):

● UBC’S FIRST CLIMATE-FRIENDLY FOOD SYSTEM LABEL - Your opinion is important for us!

  Want to get involved at UBC to give a voice to Climate Action? First, we want to address a HUGE thank you to all the participants of our survey on the first UBC’s first Climate-Friendly Food Label that took place this summer in partnership with UBC Food Services, the SEEDS Sustainability Program, Institute for Resources, Environment and Sustainability, Department of Psychology and Faculty of Science. We received more than 1000 answers which gave us the opportunity to improve the Climate-Friendly Food Label icons for a new and fresh look!

  What is the CFFS Label? The Climate-Friendly Food Label is part of the emerging UBC Climate Action Plan 2030, which will position UBC as a model of how universities can mobilize to address the climate emergency and targets in the Paris Agreement through bold, impactful actions to
accelerate and deepen reductions across operations, and expanded action on reducing indirect emissions from commuting, air travel, food, and waste.

We are interested in how these climate-friendly food labels impact decision-making, as well as how this may interact with previous knowledge of and feelings toward climate change. If you’d like to help us in taking collective action towards more Climate-Friendly Food Systems, take the survey now!

Please take 5 minutes to complete this survey about UBC’s Climate-Friendly Food Label (and for a chance to win a $50 gift card): https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0IB0nngeqIKTizI

Your data will only be used for research purposes and your identity will be kept strictly confidential.

Thank you so much for your participation!

Campus + Community Planning

- No updates

University Sustainability Initiative

- IBPOC student engagement listening sessions to better understand IBPOC engagement in sustainability programs (aligning with UBC wide plans and goals)
  - Have done these sessions with the Ambassadors, Sustainability Student Council and Community Engagement Network already
  - If interested in doing one of these listening sessions or collaborating on this project, please reach out to Kshamta (kshamta.hunter@ubc.ca) or Sarah (srhzhao@mail.ubc.ca) or Isabel (isz@mail.ubc.ca)

- Ambassador projects
  - School Workshops
  - Circular Economies and Waste Management
  - Wellbeing and Equity
  - Climate Justice Event (early January)
  - SDG week

Student Environment Center

- No updates

Climate Hub

- Recent events:
  - Youth Climate Ambassador Project workshops with Ottawa-Carleton Virtual School and Frank Hurt Secondary (in Surrey)
    - More workshops coming up in high schools/community groups
throughout December!
○ Student Advocacy event last night
  ■ Speakers talked about Academic, Institutional, and Divestment Advocacy as well as Community mobilizing
  ■ Shared processes from advocacy experiences
○ Facilitator workshop this morning
  ■ Workshop mostly to train Campus+Community Planning team for facilitating consultation groups for Campus Vision 2050 process
● CIRS meet and greet tomorrow (Dec 1, 4:30-6 pm)
  ○ For CIRS building occupants to get together and finally mingle :)
● Hiring our Projects Administrator so we can get the Climate Justice Research Collaborative (CJRC) ready to go for next term
● Grace Nosek (climate hub founder) looking to connect with students in the process of writing her 6th climate fiction novel

Arts Undergraduate Society
● Held our second workshop; focused on educating about zero waste along with a fun activity of making our own biodegradable ornaments, as well as introducing common snacks that are plant-based.
● Gathering feedback on our Sustainability Strategy, to revamp it and get it approved by the council for next term.
● Approved several events, implemented fully our sustainability request form: all AUS members must have their events approved by the Sustainability Committee in order to host them on the behalf of the AUS.
  ○ Roughly 10-15 events have been approved for the time being.
● AUS has approved the AMS Sustainability Week event, for Monday (February 14th). Will have all of the AUS involved in organizing it.
  ○ Currently discussing whether we should hold it online or not.

Commerce Undergraduate Society
● CUS Sustainability Case Competition will be pushed back to February
● Currently released 4 podcast episodes for the CUS Chasing Sustainability podcast
● Hosted their first event in their S.E.E. Sustainability Event Series
  ○ Topic: Social Sustainability

Engineering Undergraduate Society
● No updates

Kinesiology Undergraduate Society
● Planning a plogging (jogging + picking up trash) event for late Feb, or when the weather gets warmer
● Planning a beeswax wrap making workshop for early January
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Land and Food Systems Undergraduate Society

- Launching our first subcommittee event this week, Dec 1-Dec 3 with 3 sustainability-based Instagram posts each with an associated interactive activity for prizes
- Planning our first in-person event for January 26th, 2022: a Food Security and Food Waste themed workshop partnering with LFSJUS’s Wednesday Night Dinner Team, the Community Foodhub, and a local chef with a background in zero waste cooking methods
- In our subcommittee meeting this week we are also going to determine about 3 activities to do at our sustainability service day event in March 2022, and potentially create a survey for LFS students to give input on what volunteer activities they’d like to participate in
- We are introducing “extra” roles for our subcommittee members to potentially do such as Instagram update posts, recycling roles, reviewing the sustainability of LFSJUS events

Science Undergraduate Society

- SUS will be hosting a tote bag painting event in the upcoming year for students of all faculties
  - If your organization is interested in receiving free AMS Sustainability Tote Bags, please contact Sebastian Dawo at sebastian.dawo@ubc.ca and cc Jason at sustainability@ams.ubc.ca in the email

Geography Students Association

- No updates

Next Meeting

- Jason will send out a When2Meet in January to determine the next scheduled meetings for semester 2

Meeting Adjourned

- The meeting was adjourned at 1:57 PM