AMS Sustainability Subcommittee

Minutes of January 28th, 2022

Attendance

Jason Pang AVP Sustainability	P	**Lauren Benson** VP Administration	A	**Anisha Sandhu** Sustainability Projects Coordinator	P	**Avery Chan** Councillor	P
Joey Yang Councillor	A	**Liska Richer** SEEDS Representative	P	**Bud Fraser** C+CP Representative	P	**Isabel Siu-Zmuidzinas** USI Representative	P
Kate Sotelo SEC Representative	P	**Esmé Decker** Climate Hub Representative	P	**Milada Dzevitski** AUS Representative	E	**Annabelle Liao** AUS Representative	E
Katie Clayford-Beckie CUS Representative	P	**Arianne Quon (Podcast Director)** CUS Representative	P	**Eli Carlin-Coleman** EUS Representative	P	**Alice Pham** KUS Representative	A
Sondra Hollerman LFSUS Representative	P	**Kate Manskaia** LFSUS Representative	P	**Sara Niyyati** SUS Representative	E	**Belen Deschutter** Sustainability Ambassador	P
Maya Beakhouse Sustainability Ambassador	P	**Polina Petlitsyna** Sustainability Ambassador	P	**Jack Scher** Geography Student Association	E		

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

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM

Welcome Drinkfill to UBC!

- Presented by Lin Ivey (Head of Marketing)

Updates from the Chair

General Updates

- AMS Net Zero
    - Offsetters will be presenting their 5-year GHG Management Plan for the AMS on April 6th during AMS Council, please let Jason know if you would like to attend
- Soapstand
    - Soapstand will launch on the basement floor of the AMS Nest starting on February 14th
    - Members of the Soapstand team will be boothing during AMS Sustainability Week to educate students on how to use the machine and spread the news
    - Would be great for teams/undergraduate societies to promote on socials
- Oscar - Intuitive AI

    - AMS Finance Committee will be reviewing the proposal to purchase a Oscar AI Waste Diversion camera and monitor for the Nest later today, more details to follow
- Interactive Sustainability Centre
    - Now open! If your group is interested in booking the space feel free to sign up
    - Will be working with the COMM 468 Marketing Applications class through a SEEDS Project to design a marketing plan for the ISC
- Thingery
    - We have been working with The Thingery to develop a MOR, once approved the next AMS Sustainability team will be responsible for its implementation

AMS Sustainability Week

- Confirmed for February 14th to 18th in collaboration with UBC Climate Emergency Week
    - Check the UBC Sustainability Website out at https://sustain.ubc.ca/events/climate-emergency-week for a list of confirmed events
    - Want something added/changed? Please edit this overview document by the EOD: AMS Sustainability Week
- Action Items:
    - If you are running an event during AMS Sustainability Week, I have invited you to the next Climate Emergency Week meeting on February 8th for a final rundown of the week from 1:00-2:00 PM PST

Updates from the Committee

SEEDS Sustainability Program

- Request for Climate-Friendly Food System label feedback
- LFS 450 project on procurement strategy focused on biodiversity resilience, food justice, food sovereignty
- Community Food Hub engagement sessions – seeking input on what the Food Hub should offer
- UBC Community Food Hub:
- Opportunity to provide input into the proposed Food Hub via 1)
    - Online dialogue sessions
    - Survey

Campus + Community Planning

- Choose to reuse promo material to be sent out
    - $0.25 cup fee, $0.50 bag fee, no plastic bags
- Updates to clear recycling boxes

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- Climate Action Plan 2030 was endorsed by BoG
    - Waiting to hear about funding for initiative for next year
- Working on Zero Waste Action Plan

University Sustainability Initiative

- Sustainable fashion week Feb 7-11
- Climate Emergency week Feb 14-18: https://sustain.ubc.ca/events/climate-emergency-week
- On-going IBPOC student engagement research– listening session during climate emergency week/SDG week and survey coming out soon
- Launched Sustainability Ambassadors application for next cohort: https://sustain.ubc.ca/get-involved/sustainability-ambassadors/apply
- On-going Ambassador project
    - SDG week Feb 28 - March 4
    - Circular Economy event on March 4
    - Education Outreach

Student Environment Centre

- Roll-over budget – reach out to SEC if looking for funding for events

Climate Hub

- Climate Emergency Week (link to events above in AMS Sustainability Week updates)
    - Planning for online events
    - Lots of student-run/facilitated events
- Climate Emergency Fund actions that you folks can all take part in and share!
    - https://actionnetwork.org/letters/call-on-ubc-to-fund-the-climate-emergency-recommendations
    - https://actionnetwork.org/forms/endorse-our-open-letter-calling-for-ubc-to-spend-what-it-takes-on-the-climate-emergency
    - Dream Pitch contest: https://www.instagram.com/p/CZI6GdijzFu/
        - Collecting submissions of any media type
        - Def encourage folks here to submit ideas as individuals/groups!
        - We'll be showcasing submissions throughout CE week
- Currently hiring for Student Engagement Lead!
    - Deadline to apply is Wed Feb 2
    - https://ubc-csm.symplicity.com/students/app/jobs/detail/de396f9be61f3edcde11f94ae6de55e4

Arts Undergraduate Society

- Got the new, updated Sustainability Strategy for the AUS approved by council, this version narrows down the goals we listed last term and includes an introduction to the Sustainability Committee for the AUS.

- Our third workshop is coming up now, we will be holding it online. It will be a plant-based 'Chopped' type cooking competition between our AUS Sustainability committee members.
    - It will start with icebreakers, and end with the competition. Our goal is to show how plant-based are accessible and affordable, and how you can make them from common ingredients found in our kitchens.
        - Discussing the impact on the environment through our diets will also be highlighted.
- Getting ready to film our IGTV for the event and prepping for the AMS Sustainability Week as a collaboration with several departments within the AUS.
- Approved several events for the AUS with our strategy.

Commerce Undergraduate Society

- Chasing Sustainable Conference February 5th 9:45-4:30pm Tickets are on sale NOW! (Tomorrow is the last day to get early bird tickets!!)
    - FB page: https://fb.me/e/29ZiAlT62 (invite your friends!)
    - **Purchase your ticket here**: https://hopin.com/events/chasing-sustainability-conference
    - If any club is willing please share our instagram posts on their stories!!
- S.E.E. Environmental event (second of our series) **Feb 17th** Facebook page coming soon!
  Podcast for AMS Sustainability week: the podcast CR director will be reaching out to Jason very shortly to invite him to speak on the podcast for the sustainability week episode
    - We would mostly like to discuss more of the AMS' plans and initiatives to increase sustainable activity/habits here on campus (eg. Net Zero plans)

Engineering Undergraduate Society

- We are working on an event to gather people in our garden and get them involved by handing out plants. We will use this as an opportunity to start an open dialogue with the students about sustainability at UBC
- We just had our first meeting of our Sustainability Committee for the term. We are looking for projects for the term, and would love to learn how other societies run their committees, if they have them. If you are able to have a quick chat, please email vpcomm@ubcengineers.ca

Kinesiology Undergraduate Society

- Event: Wed, Feb 16 – donate sports equipment

Land and Food Systems Undergraduate Society

- We had our first event this term: WND, Sustainability & Community Food Hub collaboration. The theme of the event was zero waste in cooking. We had a Chef

from Virtuous pie, who took part in the event and gave a lot of advice on daily sustainability and on how to implement restaurant's ideas for waste reduction in cooking at home.

- AMS week: UBC Farm Walk-and-Talk, planned in person on February 17th. For now Farm confirmed that the tours are allowed. As a back-up: virtual tour
- Recycling teem in MCML is formed: Next week or two we are placing bins in the building with instruction, and the team starts with weekly checking the bins
- Sustainability Service Day in March - we asked LFS students to complete a survey and share some ideas. We have had a great response and are currently working on this project development.

Science Undergraduate Society

- Shoreline cleanup on Fri, Feb 18 at Kits Beach

Geography Students Association

- Collab with Get Thrifty on Fri, Feb 18

Next Meeting

- The next meeting will take place on March 4th from 9:00-10:00 AM

Meeting Adjourned

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 AM