**Sustainability Council Student Sub-Committee**

**Monday April 20th, 2015**

**3:00PM – 4:30PM**

**Kaneff Tower, Room 1048**

**In attendance:** Dan O’Hara, Manisha Joshi-Vijayan, Nawal Mohammad, Una Yuqiou Wei, Benjamin Felsher, Mehmet Topyvrek, Marwci Akikozay, Heela Alakczay, Sana Ahmed, Khalid Romain, Darnel Harris, Michael Kassar, John Morcos, Michael Kenny, Michelle Uy, Jade Macri, Mahmoud Rakha, Brandon Hart, Christopher Bentley

1. **Chair’s Remarks**

* Chris welcomed the group to the final PSCSS meeting for the year.
* He went on to reflect on his time serving as the Chair on the PSCSS, and broadly discussed sustainability and what it means on a political, institutional and student level.
* He ended by stating that students have the power to sway decisions and make a difference. He also noted that students have a responsibility to watch over the sustainability committees.
* Darnell Harris noted that he was impressed by these remarks.

1. **PSCSS 2015-2016 Elections**

* Darnell Harris explained the role of the YUACRI Representative, and moved to change the election of this representative from item # 6 Other Business to item #2 PSCSS 2015-2016 Elections. The group unanimously agreed, and the motion was carried.
* Chris then explained how voting would go, and that the YUACRI Representative should be a different person than elected. He offered his assistance to the incoming executive team.
* Michelle Uy announced she would be running for Chair, and offered a bit of information about herself.
* Mike Kassar announced that he would like to run for Student Representative and gave some background on himself.
* Ben Felsher announced he would like to run for the second Student Representative position and gave a short summary of himself.
* Manisha Joshi-Vijayan announced that she will be running for the YUACRI Representative position, and briefly went over her platform.
* Seeing as none of these candidates had opposition, Mahmoud Rakha moved that these members be acclaimed to their positions, and the motion was seconded by Michael Kenny. The motion was carried.

1. **Report from Sustainability Coordinator**

* Andrew Plunkett discussed how the labour disruption has pushed back a lot of the the PSC’s work, but the final report is in production.
* Andrew mentioned that there is a new report template that is photo-heavy. This will include 130 pages of recommendations put forward to the PSC.
* Andrew invited the sub-committee member to participate in the Sustainability Fair taking place during the Fall term. Maude Barlowe has been invited, and Andrew briefly discussed the phasing out of bottled water and the water stations on campus.

1. **Discussion of PSCSS Annual Report**

* A verbal report was due on April 24, 2015 and a written report will be due in early May.
* A brief discussion took place between Michelle and Chris about circulating a draft and timelines/availability. Andrew would like to see something by mid-May.

1. **Chair’s Report on Task Force on Sustainability Research/Discussion**

* Chris, as a member of this Task Force, gave a brief overview to the team of the goals of this particular working group. He mentioned that the report should be distributed through YFile, and went over the particulars of the draft.
* He mentioned the importance of re-thinking sustainability and research.
* Chris mentioned this will go to student consultation on May 4th, and if members want more information they can feel free to contact him.
* Mike Kassar asked when the Task Force would be coming to an end, Chris responded this year.
* Chris discussed his desire for York to be the “go-to” place for sustainability research.
* Andrew and Chris briefly discussed how to track online publications and tools that can be used.

1. **Other Business**

* No other business proposed.
* Chris thanked everyone for attending and mentioned that he will still be around to answer questions going forward.

1. **Next meeting**

* To be determined.