

## **Some of what we heard at the Open Houses on November 27 and December 6, 2023**

(original white board comments & organized per three sustainability commitments in draft strategy)

### **Leverage Efficiency and Innovation**

- Install light timers
- Develop plans for water conservation:
  - reduced irrigation and increased drought-tolerant landscaping
  - more low and no flow toilets and urinals
- Install green energy:
  - Solar
  - Possibly wind (vertical axis turbines)
  - Passive energy distribution design (like Science Commons)
  - Deploy living plants to support natural heat and moisture dispersion/regulation
- Reduce printing and hard copies for textbooks, in-class materials, and meetings
- Shift to 100% recycled and recyclable materials (by 2030)

### **Sustain Biodiversity**

- Turn lights off during bird migration
- Implement chemical-free pest control measures
- Create a biodiversity monitoring campus database, including mitigation plans to support species at risk
- Create pollinator gardens at all campuses
- Enhance food security by:
  - Revising the food waste management programs (composting) and awareness
  - Increasing nutrient-rich food availability
  - Increasing food grown on campus (community garden expansion, fruit trees, etc)
  - Incentivize use of reuseable cups and other food service items (plates, bowls, utensils)
  - Increase number and visibility of water refilling stations in every building
  - Switch to biodegradable/compostable food service items
  - Grocery store (and pharmacy) on/near campus (eliminate food desert experience)
- Improve active and shared transportation:
  - Add bike lanes and secure parking everywhere on campus (particularly lower campus)
  - Incentivize walking to campus
  - Work with the City to improve bus service (routes, frequency, timing) to and from main campus in Lethbridge
  - Add moped and scooter parking on campus, along with shared bike/scooter lanes to full campus accessibility
  - Add carpool parking spots
  - Increase parking fees to disincentivize private vehicle use on campus (aligned with addition of more and better shared transportation options)
- Prepare for wildfire prevention relative to changing climate pressures (drought) and water conservation efforts

## **Empower Action**

- Improving communications and access to information about sustainability efforts, programs, and achievements
- Celebrate formal curriculum and projects that incorporate and stimulate sustainability
  - Conduct environmental risk assessments as for-credit student work in courses
- Include mental and emotional health activities:
  - Continue REC rooms
  - Add “bring your pet to campus” days
  - Add a Zen garden
  - Add ceremonial and traditional/medicinal gardens/growing spaces on campus
  - Add more plants indoors and in all buildings
- Create Fix-It-Fairs on campus (collaborate with Agility?)
- Create a Campus Thrift Store
- Host a refillery on campus (personal and hygiene products)
- Reuse university computers by making available to students at low cost
- Create a new-student mentorship program to help students learn about campus programs, services, and supports for both academic and personal success
- Focus on what it means to be a healthy campus:
  - Masks available and used
  - Hybrid and hyflex classes that encourage students to place a priority on health
  - Offer finance workshops to help students with personal budgeting (and understanding the university budget)
  - Continue REC rooms and interaction sessions with animals (petting zoo, therapy dogs)

# Sustainability Actions (add your ideas)

Lighting-timing

green energy

Water Conservation

Lights off during bird migration

Chemical-free pest control

Reduced irrigation

Solar

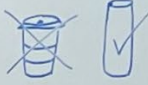
low/no flow toilets

Biodiversity monitoring campus database

Food Services model to reduce waste

Species at risk

Follow UBC climate plan?



Incentivize  reusable cups/mugs



Bike Lanes on Campus  
+ more Bike racks

Bio degradable Coffee Cups

Moped parking  
Scooters on campus!

 Pollinator Gardens 

Carpool parking Spaces

native prairies/grasses garden  
Wildfire prevention (traditional medicinal)

Take the bus to work day!  
pets on Campus days

Zen garden - students caring for it  
Communal

# Welcome to the Campus Sustainability Open House!

Please share your ideas for Sustainability here:

- Soak up the sun!  
Let's get a solar farm near campus!
- Refillable Water Fountains EVERYWHERE
- Environmental Risk assessments for campus projects
- Fruit Trees!
- Farms on campus  
Produce our own food  
Nutrient-rich food plan.

- Plant more trees! <sup>and plants inside</sup>
- More communication to student body/staff/faculty about what's being done, what they can do, and importance of clean energy!!
- Sell old uni PC to student at discount
- 100% use of recycled/recyclable materials by 2030
- passive heating
- compost programming expansion

incentives for <sup>WALKING</sup> Biking / <sup>tuition discount</sup> Bussing

## Fix-it Fairs on Campus

- \* Get Ability to host  
- food growing project

## Campus Thrift Store

Groceries on Campus!  
pharmacy on campus!

## Renewable energy production on campus

WIND! SOLAR!

vertical axis wind turbines

Using plants for heat regulation

- Refillery (personal products)

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- no more textbooks! \* Physical?! \* Free Zotero for students
- Less printing
- More masking <sub>healthy campus</sub>
- Finance workshops
- Less food waste = saving money
- Better BUS system <sub>← Lots of support</sub>
- Safer Bike Storage  
+ a way to bike to lower campus.

## New student

mentors to navigate campus programs  
→ services

include reusable dishes program for food services



How many cups do you think are wasted each day?!