

Memorial University Climate Action Coalition

February 24th 12:00-1:00 PM. 202 Elizabeth Avenue.

Attendance: Simon Hofman; V Nikhilesh Paliath; Derek Semerad; Luke Ashworth; Tobe Rowe; Kerri Claire Neil; Sigan Sun; Amin Avadia

Memo to sustainability committee

- Creation of Sustainability and Climate Action Office. Positive step forward
 - Under VP admin & Finance.
- Hiring another staff member focused on planning & policy – advertising April 1

Meeting with Neil Bose March 10 230-330

- Looking for reps from MUNSU MUNFA, GSU, & Grenfell
- Have this meeting before MUN sustainability committee meeting
- General conversation on new changes; what we want as coalition
- How committee & office work together? Does committee or office design strategy
- Can we get resources for Coalition?
- Action plan should be consultative, will new hire be able to work with coalition?

Terms of Reference

- Nikhilesh worked on NGO bridging govt & community
 - Org used children to share message through the green army
 - City didn't have experience, NGO brought expertise logistics.
 - Brought in different groups to help and leads and expertise on different issues and fields
 - Not mandatory to stay in program, everything decided in meeting (strategic). City took ownership, collected expertise and resources
 - Platform was fluid to reach more people. Not always same people at meeting, but everyone's expertise was valued, created sense of ownership
 - Meeting not restricted, anyone can come
 - Final decision made in meeting, city had a say
 - This resulted in better reach and more expertise
 - Tried to formalize platform, but it failed, too many questions on decision making powers. Didn't want to lose freedom. Rules aren't made, but everyone is respectful, formalizing it makes it rigid, need to be flexible
 - Break Free From Plastic Movement – signed a pact & become part of a movement

- Discussed adding Pact for a Green New Deal as terms of reference
- Coalition won't have TOR will have mission statement. Already have one (pledge) but want to add Pact for GND

- Pact isn't online anymore. Make or own pact or adopt it as our own.
- Include TOR to website
- Review pact in September

Survey

- One online and another canvassed. questions that can be constructed to get understanding of University Body
- 5 to 10 questions
- Need assistance on survey – could use Centre for Institutional Analysis and Planning. Make sure we get results we want. Scott Matthews on MUNFA can look.
- Have a qualitative one to start for engagement. Then proceed with a more quantitative one in the future, could be role of new Office
- Use Decarbonize MUN Qs for broader survey questions.

Film Screening on March 13th @ 7PM.

- Have rep from coalition to talk at screening
- Add to poster
- Will also be promoted separately

Roundtables

MUN

- Have registration for roundtable. Add registration info to poster
- Add R. Gusue Hall to poster
- Toby MUCEP student might be able to help. Need info of what's needed
- Setup @ 1130
- Lunch first at 1230
- Grant for lunch \$250
- Dishes will be used from MI
- Volunteers needed
- Nikhilesh and Luke to help
- Have a meeting before to discuss facilitation of roundtable
- Include sign-up sheet for action groups
- Use decarbonize MUN as model

Marine Institute

- Smaller event
- Will also be discussing the MI Sustainability Committee terms of reference
- May need facilitators

Grenfell

- March 20 4:00-6:00 pm

Labrador Institute

- Simon to reach out to see if they can host one as well
- Labrador Institute launching new program on farming

Poster Goals

- Good to have ambitious plan, can change as we go. Coalition can be flexible & bold with strategy

Strategy

- Upcoming provincial election. Consider how we can push for policies & candidates

Poster

- People in poster are not racially diverse, will be changed
- People fade into background/ocean/sky. Could have outlines to help

Website

- Have space for partners & supporters
- Share info on meetings & minutes
- Include campaigns, action plans, survey, action groups
- Could use help with text. Derek can help
- Have a smaller, round logo for social media
- Website will be up this week

Crisis pledge

- Print and frame somewhere
- Amin can help with funding from Graduate Studies for frame
- Amin will check w SUB to get volunteers, get app, help with action plan.