
SUSTAINABLE LABS WORKING GROUP

December 12, 2018 2:00-3:30 pm, 3610 McTavish, Suite 416

Present: Victor Arshad, Christian Bouchard (Chair), Jerome Conraud, Graham Currie, Emilienne Hamel, Teodor Mocanu, Kathleen Ng

1. Review agenda and notes from past meeting
 - There were no changes made to the agenda or notes from the past meeting.

2. Business arising

- a. Sustainable Labs Awards
 - i. Establishing timelines & milestones

The nomination form was now available online. The group proposed minor changes to be made to facilitate its use. Further discussion revolved around longer-term financing of the award itself (potential sources both internal and external); and timing for more concerted communications soliciting nominations (postponing until after the Catalyst Awards, to mitigate potential for confusion).

ACTION:

- KATHLEEN would research practices at other universities for sustainable lab prizes (including types of prizes and internal vs. external sources of funding).
- CHRISTIAN and GRAHAM to explore potential for suppliers' sponsorship of the award.

- b. Working group reports

- i. Lab waste management: Zero-Waste Coordinator Kendra Pomerantz is continuing work on implementation of the Waste Reduction and Diversion Strategy, mainly focusing on the contract for waste/recycling and rollout of new bins/signage. She would be invited to the next meeting to discuss potential alignment of these projects with the needs of lab users.

- c. Vision2020

Given that the Sustainable Lab deliverables under Vision2020 were essentially complete, the March meeting would be dedicated to next steps for this groups (ex. revisiting the schedule, length of meetings, topics, etc.) Emilienne could give a presentation in March about the student experience regarding sustainable labs.

- d. Capital Asset Management update [Item adjourned to next meeting]

3. Other business

- a. Catalyst Awards deadline

The group was reminded that the deadline for Catalyst Awards was January 3, 2019, and that the Gala itself would be April 1.

VISION FOR SUSTAINABLE LABS AT MCGILL

Engage the University community; promote and recognize efforts to reduce material, water, and energy consumption while maximizing cost savings; improve safety and accessibility through optimizing operations, training and awareness.

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