
SUSTAINABLE LABS WORKING GROUP

September 19, 2018 2:00-3:30 pm, 3610 McTavish, Suite 430

Present: Christian Bouchard (Chair), Isabella Boushey, Jerome Conraud, Emilienne Hamel, Robert Kidd, Stephanie Leclerc, Francois Miller, Theodore Mocanu, Kathleen Ng

Guest: Winnie Leung

1. Review agenda and notes from past meeting
 - There were no changes made to the agenda or notes from the past meeting.
2. New business
 - a. Sustainable Lab Design Guidelines

Winnie gave a presentation about the new lab design resource that complements existing guidelines and engaged in discussion with SLWG members on clarification around specific issues.

ACTION:

 - KATHLEEN would post the documents on the SLWG website.
 - EVERYONE to send their comments/suggestions to CHRISTIAN/WINNIE for consideration in the next iteration. CHRISTIAN to speak to Wayne about ULSC engagement on this issue.
3. Business arising
 - a. Sustainable Labs (SL) Awards: debriefing

Congratulations were made to this year's SL Award winner, Ebrahim (Eby) Noroozi. Based on this year's experience, changes are needed for next year's edition.

ACTION:

 - FRANCOIS would propose a new version of the nomination form, to be reviewed by KATHLEEN, CHRISTIAN and ROBERT.
 - KATHLEEN to circulate revised draft and link to previous version. EVERYONE to review these documents in preparation for the next meeting.
 - b. Working group reports
 - i. Sustainable labs in EHS checklist: Kathleen presented an analysis of the latest inspection results (non quality-controlled). The findings could inform potential revisions to the Sustainable Lab Guide.
 - ii. Lab waste management: Stephanie said criteria for a Call for Tenders for lab waste was being developed.
 - c. Vision2020: The deliverables for Sustainable Labs were now complete. Reference to the sustainable lab guide was also included in information given to new faculty members.
 - d. Capital Asset Management: Stephanie indicated that development of asset categories was under way.

ACTION:

 - STEPHANIE would send the proposed asset categories to EVERYONE for feedback.

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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