1. PRESENT

David Hamilton (Sci&Eng), Priya Kurian (Political Science), John Cameron (FMD),
Mark Thompson (FMD), Brennan Allen (Accounting)
Co-opted member: Mark Thompson (FMD)
Invitee: Katie Laurence (FMD/Management)

2. APOLOGIES

Claire Taylor (WSU), Aroha Yates-Smith (SMPD), Katie Dimmendaal (WSU),

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

4. MATTERS ARISING

John Cameron is to meet with Hamilton City Council as a first step to
development of a transportation strategy for the university. Several things may
impact on the development of this strategy:
- Charges for car parking in the university.
- the District Plan, which requires allocation of a certain number of car parks
associated with building developments.
- New developments on campus and current surveys of traffic flow, results of which
should be available soon.
- Possibility to survey ‘users’.

It was thought that the Environmental Policy Committee (EPC) could initiate the
development of the transportation strategy in its next meeting, with a view to
submission to the Planning and Resources Committee.

5. CAMPUS LAKES

David Hamilton submitted a brief review of possible management options for the
Campus Lakes (circulated to EPC committee via email). Capacity to initiate work
on the lake sediments – an essential part of the management strategy – may be
constrained by the sediment composition (i.e., high heavy metal or organic
contaminant levels). A first step to resolve this would be to examine the chemical
composition of the sediments. It was recommended that David Hamilton submit a
brief proposal to John Cameron to fund a chemical analysis of sediment cores.
The proposal will be circulated to EPC via email.

6. RECYCLING

Katie Laurence outlined a spending plan for the $5,000 donated from Coke as part
of its agreement on drink vending machines with the university. Some
recommendations were made for recycling bins from commercially available
designs. The EPC felt that a modest Coke logo/drawing on the bins was tolerable.
It was noted that the funding allocation from Coke did not entail stipulation by them
on what should appear on the recycling bins. Katie Laurence was asked to attend
the next EPC meeting to present a broader view of recycling for the university,
including the results of the Management School’s survey of ‘rubbish’ production.
7. UNIVERSITY CARBON NEUTRAL STRATEGY

David Hamilton presented a paper on a Carbon Neutral Strategy (CNS) for the University. The paper was a response to a paper recommending adoption of a CNS, put forward in June by Mike Pratt and Steve Perdia. Hamilton’s paper outlined some of the practical considerations necessary prior to adopting a CNS. Essentially the University of Waikato would need to make a far greater commitment of people and resources than it is currently doing in order to have any hope making a CNS work. It was noted that there had been no response to letters and verbal requests made at multiple levels for reinstatement of an Environmental Officer position for University of Waikato; a CNS would certainly be doomed to either fail or become a sideline issue unless the current level of support for sustainability initiatives is to be radically increased by the university. John Cameron is to advise on any higher levels responses to Hamilton’s paper. Brennan Allen will clarify some of the text on ISO 14000 in Hamilton’s paper.

9. NEXT MEETING

No date was set for the next meeting. David Hamilton will contact Judy Carmichael to request that the Vice-Chancellor attend the next EPC meeting.