Clean energy

*Modeling the electrical grid, renewable energy and the electric vehicle: what it tells us,* presented by Trevor Williams, Institute for Integrated Energy Systems, University of Victoria
Wednesday, Nov. 21; 3.30 – 4.30 pm in Room 002, University House 1, UVic

Finance

Industry Canada has proposed increasing its maximum interest rate by three quarters of a percentage point for the federally guaranteed small business loan program. Financial institutions will also be free to charge administrative fees, which are not presently allowed under the program. The changes were brought in to encourage lenders to participate, but there’s a cost to small businesses and taxpayers.
Industry Canada estimates the changes will result in 1,550 additional loans a year, and help create and maintain jobs. The proposal hinges on a 30-day consultation period, and changes would come into effect April 1, 2013.

Teaching

Inba Kehoe of UVic’s libraries says: When scanning book chapters for coursepacks, include the title page of the book as well. This gives students adequate information for citations.

Class projects made easy. Okay, easier.

No matter what your subject, you can probably adapt these challenges for your class:
The Capital Regional District has developed Ready, Set, Solve, an applied learning program that gives teams of post-secondary students a chance to work on small, real, sustainability-related problems. Public sector organizations, non-profits, and municipalities have submitted energy efficiency, emissions reductions, waste, water, food or transportation problems to a pool that students can choose from and work on during the second term.

Ethics conversations

Business Ethics Alliance of Omaha, Nebraska has made these short (less than two minutes each) videos setting up realistic workplace ethics questions. Gustavson students will face at least some of these during their careers – most of us do at one time or another – so it might be helpful to them to have discussed and possibly rehearsed their responses.

Reminder:

Over mined, under ruled: justice activism

Peter Julian, NDP MP (Burnaby- New Westminster), and Jen Moore, Latin America Program Coordinator with MiningWatch Canada will speak tonight, Thursday November 15, from 7-9pm in Harry Hickman room 105.