

**New rector,
new possibilities:
the University of Konstanz Story**

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The Sustainability Summit: Utrecht University Study Visit

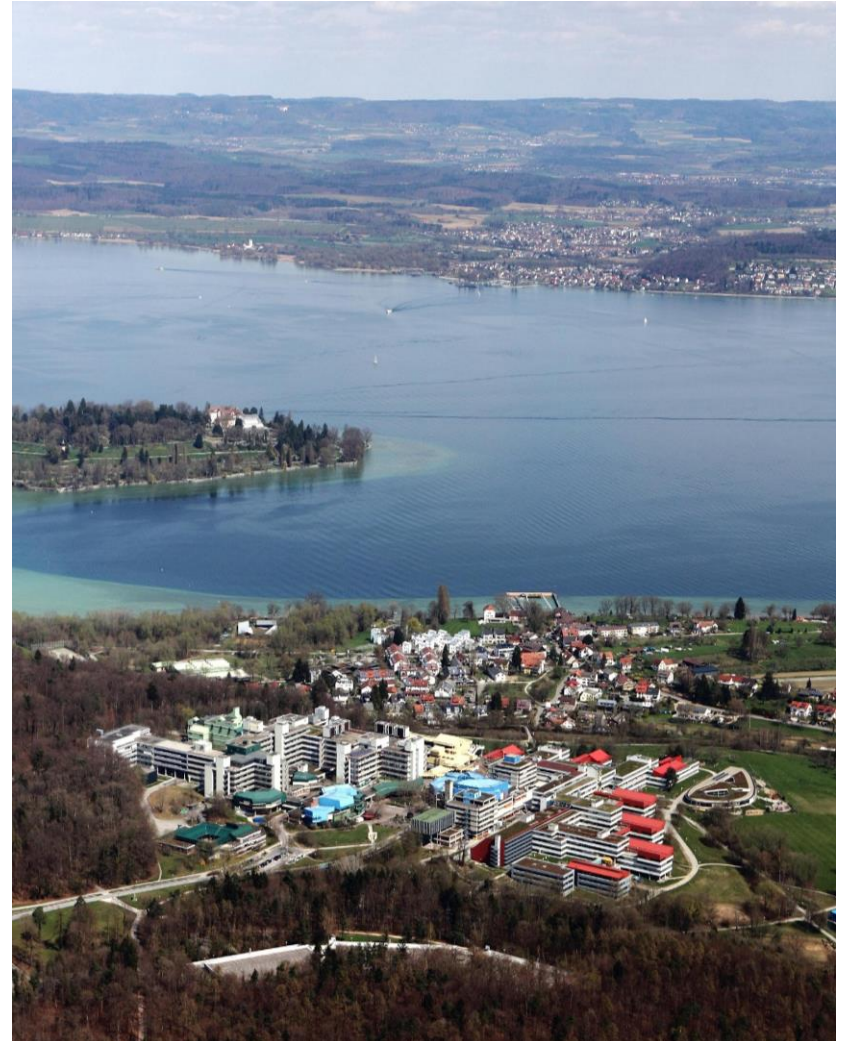
Agenda

1. The University of Konstanz
2. Sustainability at our University
3. A new rector
4. Three Theses

The University of Konstanz

University of Konstanz

- Reform university, founded 1966
- 11.300 students
- 1860 staff
 - 210 professors
 - 840 non-academic
- Faculties:
 - Natural sciences
 - Humanities
 - Politics – Law – Economy



University of Konstanz



- Campus university
- Centrally organized Administration
- Budget:
 - Regular 114 Mio €
 - Third party funding 67 Mio €

Sustainability at our University

First steps – first obstacles

active student group achieves
funding for sustainability
coordinator position (50%)

Summer 2012

Spring 2014

position isn't working

Initial situation: Sustainability at Uni Konstanz

Situation

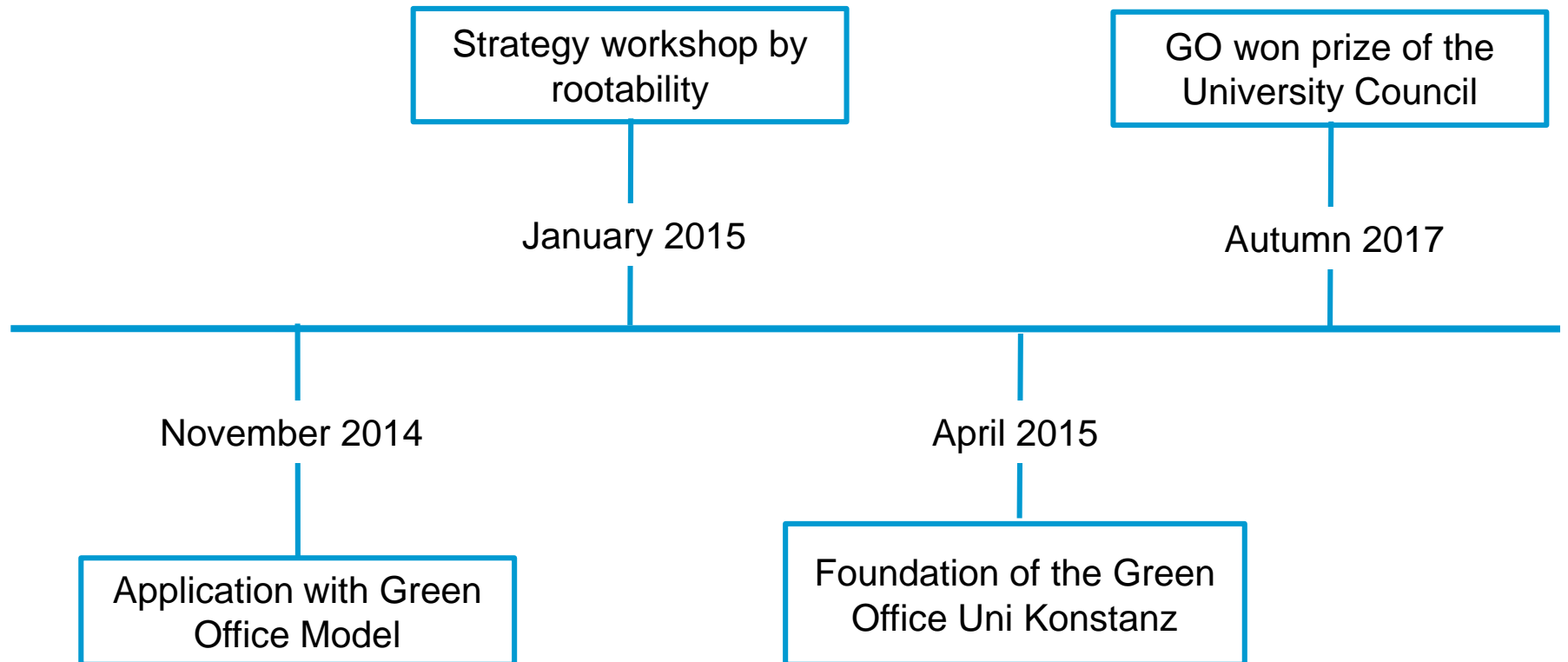
- **High voluntary engagement** of students in sustainability projects
- **No structural establishment** of sustainability at the University
- **Few lectures** dealing with sustainability

Challenges

- **Knowledge transfer** (no central contact)
- **Continuation** of students involvement
- **Transparency** of activities for sustainability

Solution:
Green Office?

Foundation GO Uni Konstanz



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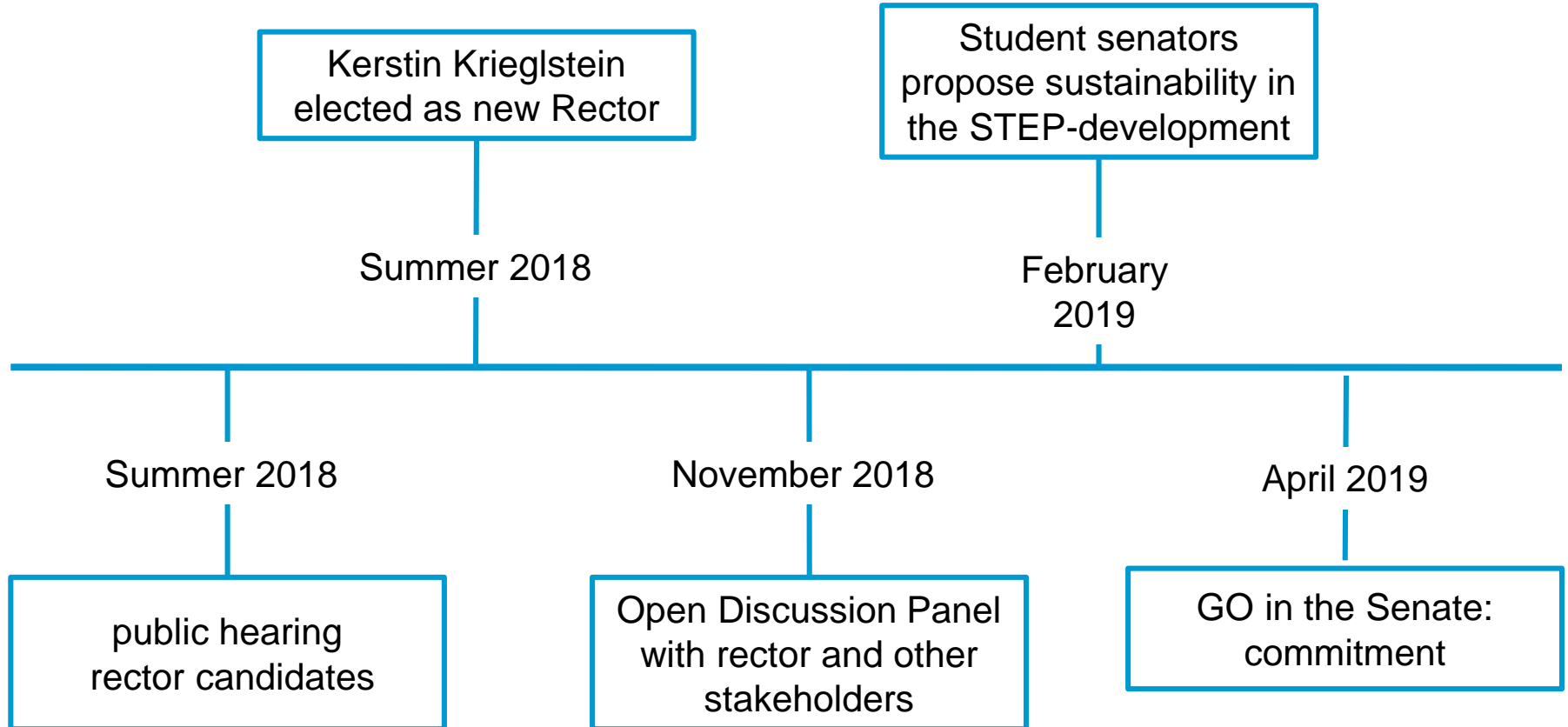


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A new rector

Involving the senior management level



Three Theses

Theses one

There are windows of opportunity and we need to use them.

- Could you imagine a change of staff could be crucial at your institution?
 - Will there be a change of staff in the near future?
 - At what level?
- How are the procedures?
 - Are there public hearings?
 - How to install public hearings?

Theses two

There have to be dedicated and persevering people with access to institutionalized communication channels.

Konstanz:

- Student representatives meet with rector on a bi-weekly basis
- GO goes in and out Maren's office

- What is the situation like at your institution in regards to institutionalized communication?
 - Who are the players?
 - Who is talking to whom?

Theses three

There has to be funding.

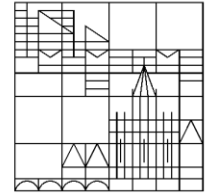
Konstanz: still an obstacle

- What is your experience?
 - How to get sustainability into basic funding?
 - Who is willing to invest?
- What are your suggestions to overcome this obstacle?

Questions?



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Thank you!

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