

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday December 5th, 2012

Time: 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Location: TRUSU Boardroom

ATTENDANCE

Present: T. Dickinson; M. Harrison; H. Hove; J. Lam; S. Learie; B. Mackay; D. Parkes; T. Owen; S. Purdy; J. Sparks; P. Tsigaris

Observer: A. McLellan

Regrets: D. Crespin-Mueller, L. Douglass, G. Read, I. Rich-McQuay, L. Tabata

Guest: Don Lawrence, Fine Arts Faculty member

Notetaker: K. Boyd

1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Peter Tsigaris in the Chair. The meeting was called to order at 4:35 pm.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by J. Lam, seconded by D. Parkes. Carried.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

P. Tsigaris welcomed two new members:

Sharman Learie, Faculty and Chair, Adventure Tourism

Brian Mackay, AVP Information Technology and Chief Information Officer

P. Tsigaris attended the EPC meeting today to discuss the environmental leadership certificate approval. EPC did not have quorum, certificate will go to the next meeting in January.

Plastic Bottle Campaign –TRU received 2 letters from Nestle and Canadian Beverage Association in regards to TRUSU’s plastic bottle campaign yesterday.

Action: P. Tsigaris will distribute the two letters to EAC members for their review and EAC will discuss at next meeting.

The Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education has an annual meeting in Cape Breton this summer, the theme is sustainability. A call for papers has been made. More information is available at their website <http://www.cbu.ca/stlhe-en>

Campus Community Market – Environment & Sustainability has created and formally registered a non-profit society for a campus farmer’s market.

4. POTENTIAL FINE ARTS PARTNERSHIP - Don Lawrence

D. Lawrence, faculty member in Fine Arts introduced an idea of using the Fine Arts sculpture compound near Old Main as a site for a composting awareness/testing project. The general idea is to create a spatially interesting environment for composting. Project could potentially include interactive elements and involve students and faculty from Engineering & Design, Fine Arts, and Horticulture. It would be used as an educational focal point and awareness project. The EAC expressed interest in the idea. Don will now discuss with his faculty to gauge interest.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by S. Learie, seconded by T. Dickinson. Carried.

6. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

The committee reviewed the revised subcommittee goals, tasks, and actions.

Human Subcommittee

Focus will be green teams. Goals, plans, and tasks:



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Committee strategic c**

Built Subcommittee

There was discussion regarding the goal of reducing transportation on campus. J. Sparks and T. Dickinson discussed the possibility of charging parking fees in accordance with the size or make and model of vehicle brought onto campus.



**The Built
Environment Goals De**

T. Owen suggested the results of the completed Transportation Demand Management Study be summarized and presented to the EAC next meeting.

Action: TDM summary to be included in January meeting.

Action: B. MacKay to conduct an analysis of the types of cars currently on camps and report at January meeting.

Natural Subcommittee

One additional goal involves asking the Director of Ancillary Services what procedures are in place with regards to local food products. The revised document:



**The Natural
Environment Plan 201**

Next step for subcommittees

Goals, plans and tasks will now be integrated into a revised Campus Sustainability Action Plan.

Action: S. Learie to join the Built subcommittee.

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

T. Owen provided the Director's Report.



**DIRECTORS REPORT
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8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Action: P. Tsigaris will send Terms of Reference for the SoBE Green Committee out to EAC members.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:33. Next meeting is Wednesday, January 9th.