

**Minutes of the ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

April 4, 2018

Committee meeting held in the TRUSU Boardroom, Thompson Rivers University  
Kamloops, B.C., commencing at 12:00 PM.

HEADING	ITEM / DISCUSSION	ACTION
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**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Lloyd Bennett; Tom Dickenson; Karl Fultz (Chair); ; James Gordon; Jim Gudjonson; Brad Harasymchuk; Courtney Mason; Tina Matthew (designate for Paul Michel); Bryce Parks (designate for Warren Asuchak); Dipesh Prema; Caitlin Quist; Nicole Schabus; Amie Schellenberg; Peter Tsigaris

**Participating by Teleconference:** None.

**Absent:** Glenn Read; Kyle Robertson

**Regrets:** Wilson Bell; Scott Blackford (Vice Chair); Sharman Learie; Michael Mehta (on sabbatical until September 2018, so he is not counted towards quorum)

**Guests:** Melina Smith, Aaron Wiebe and Natalie Yao (TRU Sustainability Office)

**Others:** none

<b>CALL TO ORDER &amp; WELCOMES</b>	<i>The meeting, being duly constituted for the conduct of business, was called to order at 12:10 pm by the Chair, Karl Fultz. New member Tina Matthew was welcomed (she is the Associate Director, TRU Aboriginal Education, and the designate for Paul Michel from Office of Aboriginal Education). Everyone introduced themselves.</i>
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<b>ADOPTION OF AGENDA</b>	<i>On motion duly made it was RESOLVED to approve the agenda as distributed.</i>
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<b>ADOPTION OF MINUTES</b>	<i>Minutes of February 7, 2018. On motion duly made it was RESOLVED to approve these Minutes. (There were no March Minutes since the meeting was cancelled due to too much going on with IDays).</i>
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<b>PRESENTATIONS</b>	none
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<b>BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES</b>	<b><u>Awarding environmental sustainability achievement awards (one for students and one for staff/faculty):</u></b> Jim reported that this year's award was given to faculty member Susan Purdy, but since she had a recent death in her family there has yet to be a formal
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ceremony to recognize her and give her the award. Karl will send a letter of condolence to her on behalf of the ESAC.

**Karl**

**Bird window strikes and mortality.** Karl reported that money from the Sustainability Grant Fund has been awarded to this project. Besides Karl, also on the committee are a student and Tom Dickinson. Lloyd reported that according to someone in charge of the construction of the new Trades building, there are currently no remediation elements on the windows to deal with bird strikes. However, this issue is now on their radar. James will get the contact information from this person at Trades. Karl will report back on the whole issue of bird strikes at the next meeting.

**James  
Karl**

**Reducing litter on campus** – Karl reported that the student led Clean & Green event is happening April 12 from 2 to 4 PM and Bart Cummins will document the event as a reporter. Karl mentioned a new phenomenon called plogging (which is a combination of jogging and picking up litter) and he encouraged everyone to try it; walking works also. Karl also asked if plastic shopping bags could be available at the Sustainability Office for anyone to grab in order to do this. Jim said yes. There were also some general comments about the need to reduce litter in the first place, both with anti-litter campaigns and reducing the amount of packaging from retail and food outlets on campus. There should also be some effort to celebrate the waste reduction, recycling, and composting efforts that TRU is currently doing, since there is a lot of good in them.

**Jim**

**REPORT OF  
COMMITTEES**

**TRU Sustainability Education in the Curriculum sub-committee.** James reported that Susan told him that she had no update on this except to say that the May 14 and 15th workshop is going ahead. Jim reported that attendees will be paid \$500 to attend, and that there will be refreshments available and some very good speakers. James will ask for a report from Susan once the course is done.

**James**

**Sustainable Procurement Framework Sub-Committee.** Jim reported that in regards to the sustainable procurement initiative on campus, TRU has now joined the Municipal Collaboration for Sustainable Procurement group. The first step in the whole process of TRU adopting sustainable procurement practices is to create a set of guidelines on buying anything on campus. Next is to build this into the TRU procurement policy. The Procurement Office is receptive to all this, although it will take many months to move this to the final stage.

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jim reported the following:

- IDays was full of sustainability related content this year and this was very well received by all those who attended. Sustainability will also be well represented in the 2019 version of the event, and planning is already underway for this.
- Most of the energy related projects from last year have been wrapped up on time and next year's projects are underway. For all new buildings on campus only renewable natural gas will be used. Regarding solar photovoltaics, the plan for next year is to add roughly 1/2 of a megawatt in capacity.
- The Sustainability Office recently purchased a new plug-in Prius Toyota vehicle for the TRU CarShare program. There may be another electric vehicle being bought for the Facilities Department soon.
- There is work taking place regarding the establishment of a new electric fat bike sharing program. Work with faculty members on campus as well as staff from the city of Kamloops are working on this. The plan is to have roughly 6 bike hubs around the city where bikes can be picked up and dropped off.
- Discussions have also started regarding the setting up of a TRU recreation fund for TRU staff members. The idea is that TRU would pay a portion (roughly 20 to 30%) of any item that has anything to do with health related activities and the rest of the cost could be paid off via portions taken off pay cheques on a regular basis.

- The fourth annual solid waste audit is nearing completion and the preliminary numbers look good.
- Sustainability Grant Fund - Details regarding who received funding for which projects with this year's sustainability grant fund will be released next month.

**NEW BUSINESS**      None

**CORRESPONDENCE** None

**NEXT MEETING**      May 2, 2018. Noon to 1:30 in the TRUSU Boardroom.

**ADJOURNMENT**      1:20 PM.

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*Signature of Vice-Chairperson, Vice-Chair (if required)*