



ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 1, 2022

Minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee, held via MS Teams, at Thompson Rivers University, Kamloops, B.C.

HEADING	ITEM / DISCUSSION	ACTION
Present:	Christine Miller, (Chair), Brad Harasymchuk, Carolyn Ives, Dipesh Prema, James Gordon, Jana Noskova, Lillian Kwan, Meng Sun, Natalie Yao, Sarah Martin, Scott Blackford	
	QUORUM MET	
Regrets:	Alana Hoare, Christine Adam, Dillon Alexandre, Elder Mike Arnouse, Gabriela Rivera, Jessica Papineau, Petar Hrkac, Thamindu Widyarante, Tina Matthews Warren Asuchak	
Guests:	Young Grguras from PLAN: The Post-Landfill Action Network.	
Recording Secretary:	Lora Sartori	
CALL TO ORDER	James Gordon in the Chair. The meeting, being duly constituted for the conduct of business, the Chair called the meeting to order at 11:33 a.m.	
WELCOME & Territorial Acknowledgement	James did the Territorial Acknowledgement. Round of Introductions of all members in attendance.	
PRESENTATIONS	Young Grguras from PLAN: The Post-Landfill Action Network discussing a Campus Plastic Free Pledge <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Young's Presentation• Top 10 Zero Waste Campuses. Link here: https://www.postlandfill.org/top-10-campuses/• Their Mission and Vision together with a copy of the poster can be found here: https://www.postlandfill.org/about-plan/?doing_wp_cron=1643745507.1946868896484375000000	

- 19 schools have signed on to the Break Free from Plastic Pledge. There is no deadline. Most schools have their President sign on to this Pledge.
- Some recommended reading:
<https://beautifultrouble.org/about>
- You can reach Young at Young@postlandfill.org

Christine Miller joined the Meeting and resumed the Chair.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On MOTION duly made it was RESOLVED to approve the February 1, 2022 Agenda as distributed.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

On MOTION duly made it was RESOLVED to adopt the January 11, 2022 Minutes as distributed.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- a. Re: Climate Emergency Letter.**
(<https://www.sdgaccord.org/climateletter>).
i. Update regarding interest from TRUSU.
No further information to share.

Action Item: James will be meeting with Sierra Rae from TRUSU and will discuss with her.

James Gordon

- b. Bird Strike Film. Report on Progress – James Gordon**
Next buildings to be completed will be Old Main and AE with a budget of \$40,000. James has asked Warren if there are any funds for this.

Evidence that a simple hawk silhouette will reduce bird strikes.

Action Item: James will email a hawk silhouette to the TRU Community.

James Gordon

2 dead birds outside of the Chappell Family Building for Nursing & Population Health in the Summer, 2021 at the windows located closest to the Science Building.

Disappointing that new builds on campus have not considered implementing bird strike film.

Action Item: James will email Warren and Dillon the question of considering bird strike film on new builds.

James
Gordon

Action Item: Christine and James will discuss the new buildings and bring back to the Committee.

Christine
Miller and
James
Gordon

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

a. TRU Sustainability Education in the Curriculum Sub-Committee – Report by Christine Miller

Met recently and still working on course sustainability worksheet. INDG 2100: Indigenous Environmental Sustainability (2,2,0)

b. Awards Sub-Committee – Report by Chris Adam/Brad Harasymchuk

Met last week with Scott, James, Brad and Christine.

Will be asking the Committee to help get the word out.

Deadline February 25, 2022.

c. ESAC Zero Waste Sub-Committee – Report by James Gordon

Have not met since last meeting.

Action Item: James will follow-up with the PLAN presentation and the Committee's thoughts.

James
Gordon

d. ESAC Sustainable Purchasing Sub-Committee.

Report by James Gordon, Chair.

Had a meeting on January 13, 2022 to discuss TRU Indigenous Purchasing Framework. Met with Judy Kitts, Victoria Harbour Authority; Dan Munshaw, City of Thunder Bay; Amanda Chouinard, Canadian Collaboration for Sustainable Procurement and Reeve Consulting, Eric Vandermeullen, Shannon Mazereeuw, Garry Gottfriedson and Tina Matthew. We are in the very beginning stages of discussions.

6 areas in the STARS report that relate to sustainable purchasing - concentrating on these items.

At PD week on February 24 Shannon Mazereeuw and James will do a sustainable purchasing workshop “Be a Better Buyer, TRU Sustainable Purchasing 101”

e. ESAC Core Theme Planning Committee – Report by Alana Hoare

No Current Report

f. ESAC Biodiversity Sub-Committee – Report by Christine Miller

Did not meet since last meeting.

Christine will strategically reach out for members.

**MANAGER OF
SUSTAINABILITY
PROGRAMS REPORT**

Report by James Gordon, Manager of Sustainability Programs

Energy Dance on February 11th 9:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. – virtual and free. Bring awareness to energy conservation.

Student Sustainability Ambassadors are ready to launch 4 initiatives.

5-year zero waste plan coming together.

Hiring a new zero-waste staff member, permanent full-time.

**ENERGY PROJECTS
REPORT**

Report by Natalie Yao, Energy Specialist

Hydro Continuous Optimization Program - finishing BCCOL by the end of February.

Need a Gap Analysis Meeting, ISO50001.

International Standard for energy management system.

Where is TRU regarding energy management.

<https://www.iso.org/iso-50001-energy-management.html>

Would like a representative from the Academic Side Faculty and/or a Dean.

Action Item: James/Lora will send out an email to the ESAC with some information.

James
Gordon
and Lora

**CAMPUS
INFRASTRUCTURE
REPORT**

Report by Dillon Alexandre

No Report.

NEW BUSINESS

a. None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

**NEXT MEETING
ADJOURNMENT**

March 1, 2022 at 11:30 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 12:54 p.m.