

Minutes of the ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 10, 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; Scott Blackford (acting Chair); Tom Dickenson; James Gordon; Jim Gudjonson; Brad Harasymchuk; Sharman Learie; Dipesh Prema; Caitlin Quist; Amie Schellenberg; Peter Tsigaris

Participating by Teleconference: None.

Absent: Paul Michel; Glenn Read; Kyle Robertson

Regrets: Warren Asuchak; Wilson Bell; Karl Fultz; Courtney Mason; Michael Mehta; Nicole Schabus

Guests: Jordan Del Giudice (TRU Procurement Services); Bob Munro (TRU Procurement Services); Tim Reeve (Reeve Consulting); Eric Vandermeulen (TRU Procurement Services); Aaron Wiebe (TRU Sustainability Office); Natalie Yao (TRU Sustainability Office)

Others: none

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOMES *The meeting, being duly constituted for the conduct of business, was called to order at 12:05 pm by the acting Chair, Scott Blackford. Everyone introduced themselves.*

ADOPTION OF AGENDA *On motion duly made it was RESOLVED to approve the agenda as distributed.*

ADOPTION OF MINUTES *Minutes of November 1st, 2017. On motion duly made it was RESOLVED to approve these Minutes.*

PRESENTATIONS Tim Reeve, of Reeve Consulting in Vancouver, presented on SUSTAINABLE PURCHASING. His firm is involved in a networking club of cities and universities all dealing with sustainable procurement. The main components of sustainable purchasing are environmental, ethical, and social. Food issues are often a focus at universities when it comes to sustainable purchasing. SFU is an

example, as is UBC. The following Western Canadian universities are ones that Tim knows have sustainable procurement practices: UBC, SFU, BCIT, and U of Alberta.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Ensuring quorum for meetings. Scott reported that Wilson Bell's situation was discussed but due to the fact that he will be back from his leave in 3 more months, it didn't seem worthwhile to go through a process to find a replacement for him, since by the time a replacement is found, he would almost be back. Michael Mehta's situation is slightly different since it's a longer time frame (6 months). James will reach out to Michael in order to find out if he's willing to participate in the ESAC meetings through conference calls.

James

Need for long-term annual planning for the ESAC. Jim. Tabled.

Awarding environmental sustainability achievement award:

Scott reported that he and Peter met to discuss this. They drew up a proposal and it was submitted to the President's Council as an amendment to the President's awards process. It was only a proposal, so if the Presidents Council does not like it then Plan B will be put into effect. The Presidents Council meets January 24. Brad raised the issue that the wording needs to be ammended to make sure that staff members are fairly represented. Brad will discuss this with Scott next week. This award is only for staff and faculty, not students.

Brad & Scott

Bird window strikes and mortality. Tabled due to Karl's absence.

Reducing litter on campus – Tabled due to Karl's absence.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

TRU Sustainability Education in the Curriculum sub-committee. Tabled, since Susan reported via email that there was nothing to report on.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Due to time constraints, Jim only mentioned that the Sustainability Office is moving ahead with the effort to reduce the number of wasted paper cups on campus by engaging Cupanion. The office has hired a student to work solely on this project for the next four weeks.

2500 cups (with barcodes) and 1000 barcode stickers have been ordered.

NEW BUSINESS

Lloyd mentioned a few issues to do with the safety of the Solar Sidewalk and Solar Compass, regarding people slipping and tripping. Amy said that many of the main components will be replaced this spring at the Solar Compass. More grit was installed on the solar sidewalk and according to Amie, it is equal to or less slippery than the concrete around it.

CORRESPONDENCE None

NEXT MEETING February 7, 2018. Noon to 1:30 in the TRUSU Boardroom.

ADJOURNMENT 1:30 PM.

Signature of Chairperson, Chair

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