



ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 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), Carolyn Ives, Christine Adam, Claire Irvine, Dillon Alexandre, Dipesh Prema, James Gordon, Jana Noskova, Jessica Papineau, Lillian Kwan, Meng Sun, Natalie Yao, Petar Hrkac, Sarah Martin, Scott Blackford, Tina Matthews	
	QUORUM MET	
Regrets:	Alana Hoare, Brad Harasymchuk, Elder Mike Arnouse, Gabriela Rivera, Thamindu Widyarante, Warren Asuchak	
Guests:	Leif Douglass, TRUSU Campaigns Coordinator	
Recording Secretary:	Lora Sartori	
CALL TO ORDER	Christine Miller in the Chair. The meeting, being duly constituted for the conduct of business, the Chair called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.	
WELCOME & Territorial Acknowledgement	Christine did the Territorial Acknowledgement.	
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	On MOTION duly made it was RESOLVED to approve the March 1, 2022 Agenda with the following additions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Introduction- Business Arising: Discussion of PLAN: The Post-Landfill Action Network- Chair Succession Planning	
ADOPTION OF MINUTES	On MOTION duly made it was RESOLVED to adopt the February 1, 2022 Minutes as distributed.	
INTRODUCTIONS	James Gordon introduced Claire Irvine, Sustainability Programs and Support Coordinator.	

A round of introduction of the Committee members.

PRESENTATIONS

Possible Amendment to Senate Structure – Leif Douglass, TRUSU Campaigns Coordinator

Leif's Senate Reform Presentation can be found here:



Senate Reform 2021
PPTX.pptx



Senate Reform 2021
- PDF.pdf

A letter of support for anyone interested can be found here:



Academocracy
Support Letter.pdf

For more information contact Leif Douglass at campaigns@trusu.ca

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

a. Re: Climate Emergency Letter.

(<https://www.sdgaccord.org/climateletter>).

- i. Update regarding interest from TRUSU.

ESAC presented the Climate Emergency Letter to Senate in 2019. TRU added their name to the Climate Emergency Letter in December, 2019.

As we have not heard from TRUSU, Leif suggested to start from the ground level again. A new presentation would be helpful.

Leif, James and Christine will be in contact to move this forward.

TRUSU meets every 2nd Tuesday starting March 8 at 4:00 p.m.

ACTION ITEM: James, Carolyn and Christine will work together to present to TRUSU.

b. Bird Strike Film. Report on Progress – James Gordon

There is a budget of \$40,000 to complete OM, AE and OLARA.

ACTION ITEM: James will email faculty and staff a hawk silhouette.

c. Follow-up to the PLAN Presentation - James Gordon

ACTION ITEM: James will talk to Claire Irvine regarding this.

**REPORTS OF
COMMITTEES**

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

Still working on filling out course sustainability worksheets.

AVP of Academic, Shannon Wagner, will be attending next meeting.

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

Agreed to push the deadline for award submission to March 24. Will present to the April 5 ESAC Meeting.

Tom Owen Award has been raised to \$1,000 to be inline with the other two awards of \$1,000 each.

Updated the criteria to the Tom Owen Award to reflect Tom's image and character.

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

Next meeting March 9.

Almost completed the draft of the 5-year Waste Plan.

Claire is now our new Sustainability Programs and Support Coordinator.

d. ESAC Sustainable Purchasing Sub-Committee.

Report by James Gordon, Chair.

Last meeting was February. Next meeting will be in April because March is busy for Procurement with year end.

Committee is finalizing the Terms of Reference.

Stars Report have 6 section dealing with purchasing so we will address these sections.

Shannon and James successfully presented at PD Week.

The subcommittee suggested a “Road Show” to various faculties and departments to find out what sustainable purchasing means to them, ie: indigenous, local, deal with TRU alumni business, etc. Hope to bring this together in the spring.

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

No Report.

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

Met in February. Made progress on Terms of Reference – will bring to ESAC for approval at the April meeting.

Some discussion around what types of projects will be included in the committee’s portfolio – including tree planting on campus and the bird strike film.

Discussion about the Landscaping Committee and how it could relate to the Biodiversity Committee. It was decided that while the two committees should be in contact with one another, Biodiversity should not be in an oversight position.

**MANAGER OF
SUSTAINABILITY
PROGRAMS REPORT**

Report by James Gordon, Manager of Sustainability Programs

Launched the Green Guide Challenge. Email sent to the TRU Community. This Challenge is directed to Students.

<https://www.tru.ca/sustainability/get-involved/green-guide-challenge.html>

We have received 9 entries for the Solar Table Design Competition.

Starting to think of the Tree Planting for 2022. Authorized to continue for 2 more years.

ENERGY PROJECTS REPORT

Report by Natalie Yao, Energy Specialist

All projects are continuing - Hydro Continuous Optimization Program, ISO50001 Process, Hydro application to expand TRU solar panels.

Found a time for the ISO meeting – March 9 and 16 1 – 3 p.m. If anyone wants to attend email Natalie at nyao@tru.ca.

CAMPUS INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT

Report by Dillon Alexandre

Daycare ahead of schedule. – Grand Opening is in September.

SOBE building is a couple of years out.

Adding more Bike Shelters.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Chair Succession

Christine's term is coming up at the end of June, 2022. Christine will be stepping off at that time to support her departmental unit.

Think about putting name forward as Chair.

If you have any questions, let Christine know. cmiller@tru.ca

First meeting in September will be elections.

Think about a co-chair position. C. Adam mentioned a TRU Staff/Student, co-chair.

TOR would need to be changed to have a co-chair position.

Workload: Senate Report, Subcommittees

Action Item: Put on Agenda for April meeting – business arising.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

NEXT MEETING
ADJOURNMENT

April 5, 2022 at 11:30 a.m.
Meeting adjourned at 12:58 p.m.