



ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 7, 2022

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

HEADING	ITEM / DISCUSSION	ACTION
	*In light of the fact there is officially no Chair or Vice-Chair currently, James Gordon has volunteered to chair this meeting in order to help elect them.	
Present:	James Gordon, (Chair), Tina Matthews, Brad Harasymchuk, Christine Adam, Jessica Papineau, Lillian Kwan, Meng Sun, Natalie Yao, Sarah Martin, Thamindu Widyarante , Anna Rogers, Sofia Rueda, Chantal Sullivan, Crystal Schock	
Regrets:	Alana Hoare, Dipesh Prema, Gabriela Rivera, Elder Mike Amouse, Scott Blackford, Warren Asuchak	
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 12:02 p.m. James introduced Anna Rogers, Chantal Sullivan and Sofia Rueda from the Sustainability Office. A round of introductions of the ESAC Committee.	
WELCOME & Territorial Acknowledgement	James did the Territorial Acknowledgement.	
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	On MOTION duly made it was RESOLVED to approve the September 7, 2022 Agenda as presented.	
ADOPTION OF MINUTES	On MOTION duly made it was RESOLVED to adopt the May 17, 2022 Minutes as distributed.	
PRESENTATIONS	a. Report on the 1st year of the TRU Campus Tree Program - by James Gordon	

James provided this link to the TRU Campus Tree Program Report:

<https://hub.aashe.org/browse/casestudy/26966/TRU-Campus-Tree-Program-What-We-Learned-From-Year-One>

In 2021/2022, TRU planted 51 big and 51 small trees – 51 represents the age of TRU.

In 2022/2023 we will be planting 52 big and 52 small – again 52 represents the age of TRU.

b. Report that the TRU 5-Year Zero Waste Plan is complete - by James Gordon.

James briefly discussed the 5-Year Zero Waste Plan.

https://www.tru.ca/_shared/assets/tru-zero-waste-plan-2022-202755989.pdf

Areas of Improvement Required: TRU Residence on campus and construction waste.

Marcia Dick will be giving a detailed presentation at the October 5, 2022 ESAC meeting.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

a. ESAC Chair and Vice-Chair Elections

Brad Harasymchuk has put his name forward for the position of Chair of the ESAC. This is a one-year term.

Brad Harasymchuk was the only person who put their name forward for Chair.

Vote: All those in favour of Brad Harasymchuk for Chair.

The vote was unanimous with 8 in favour, 0 opposed, 0 abstain.

Brad Harasymchuk is elected the new Chair of the ESAC for a one-year term.

Brad thanked the Committee for their support.

Tina Matthews discussed what the vice-chair does.

Tina will put her name forward if no one else does but would like to open up space if anyone is interested.

The Vice-Chair elections will happen at the October meeting.

b. Bird Strike Film. Report on Progress. - James Gordon
Clock Tower, OLARA, Old Main is completed.

Time to reassess new building hot spots. Perhaps a new research student will be able to take on this new project.

Action Item: James will look into an opportunity for a Research Student to look at new building hot spots.

c. The Okanagan Charter – James Gordon

At the June meeting, Chelsea Corsi gave a report on the Okanagan Charter. She was looking for ESAC support.

Chris Adam provided this link:

<https://healthpromotingcampuses.squarespace.com/okanagan-charter>

Chris presented a Mental Health Report to Senate and believes Senate will be moving with adopting the Okanagan Charter.

Action Item: Chris Adam will provide ESAC with a status update on the Okanagan Charter in the future. Lora will put on the November ESAC Agenda.

**REPORTS OF
COMMITTEES**

a. TRU Sustainability Education in the Curriculum Sub-Committee – Report by Tina Matthew

Tina reported that the Sub-Committee is looking at a special project course – January 2023 to pilot a course with an indigenous lens. Looking to have this course imbedded to be available to all Faculties and available to all students.

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

Brad reported that moving forward we would like to make sure we get the award out in a timely manner. Get the information out to the right people.

Also to make these awards more prestigious.

c. **ESAC Zero Waste Sub-Committee** – Report by James Gordon
No Report

d. **ESAC Sustainable Purchasing Sub-Committee.**
Report by James Gordon, Chair.
Sub-Committee has not met since June, 2022.

Planning sustainable workshops for staff this fall.

Ideas to reach out to departments to buy sustainable swag.

e. **ESAC Core Theme Planning Committee – Report by Alana Hoare**
No Report.

Alana did send an email requesting Gillian Balfour, Provost and VP Academic to attend an October or November, 2022 meeting.

Action Item: Lora to arrange a meeting date for Gillian Balfour to attend.

f. **ESAC Biodiversity Sub-Committee – Report by Christine Miller**
Meng reported finished the TOR.
Inventory of Bio-Diversity issues on campus.
Recruit more committee members.

**MANAGER OF
SUSTAINABILITY
PROGRAMS REPORT**

Report by James Gordon, Manager of Sustainability Programs

Three new staff members in Sustainability.
Successful International Orientation.
98 new international students signed up to Volunteer.

Aaron who is a key member of the STARS report is on leave.
STARS has given us an extension to September 30, 2022.

Tree Program planting event on September 21, 2022 –
National Tree Planting Day.

Trying to “rev” up Student and Faculty Ambassador Program this year.

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.

Energy Projects take months if not years to complete.
Two new Fortis energy Studies at multiple campus buildings.

CAMPUS INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT

Report by Crystal Schock

Crystal Schock is the Coordinator of space planning and design.

Crystal has stepped in to fill Dillon’s position.

Early Childhood Education Building and the Child Care are all in their new space as of September 6, 2022.

Lepin Modernization Project – not completed. Huge shortage of plywood veneer which has held up this project.

Also completed the new Computing Science Lab in OM1241. A new 60 seat high tech computer lab.

Upgraded 6 – 8 classrooms in science, AE, OM into a virtual classroom style – new generation of IT technology allowing both virtual and in-person class.

The new athletic performance centre is being done on the Gym. Updating the facade of the Gym facing BCCOL. Updating new bathrooms/change room.

AE major interior facelift – new flooring, paint, furniture, lighting, tile.

Working with an audio visual and acoustic engineer to do sound proofing around campus.

Tim Horton's reno will be done hopefully in the next couple of weeks. Jessica advises they are waiting for coffee makers. Hopefully opening for September 12 – depending on coffee makers.

Old Daycare will be doing work to accommodate future students and enrollment team.

Law Library getting all new future and some updates.

Maple Leaf school was not renewed and the space will be used by the School of Business.

Building moratorium on campus. The moratorium is for 2 years. However, the City has issued TRU a couple of building permits.

Low Carbon District Energy System is on hold until the moratorium is lifted.

Will we see the environmental monitoring report? Certainly there is interest – Crystal will report back if we will be sharing the report.

All project are suffering from supply chain issues, labour shortages, etc.

CORRESPONDENCE None

Brad wanted to thank everybody.
Next meeting will do an overview of the Subcommittees.
Brad will be sending out an email to the committee.

NEXT MEETING October 5, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.
ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 12:56 p.m.