



**ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

September 8, 2021

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

HEADING	ITEM / DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>Present:</b>	Christine Miller (CHAIR), Alana Hoare, Carolyn Ives, Christine Adam, James Gordon, Jessica Papineau, Natalie Yao, Nicole Schabus, Petar Hrkac, Peter Tsigaris, Scott Blackford, Tina Matthew, Warren Asuchak.	
<b>Regrets:</b>	Dipesh Prema, Jana Noskova, Meng Sun, Michael Mehta.	
<b>Recording Secretary:</b>	Lora Sartori	
<b>Vacancies:</b>	1 Faculty, 1 Staff, 2 Students	
<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	Christine Miller in the Chair. Please note that quorum was not met at this meeting. The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m.	
<b>ADOPTION OF AGENDA</b>	As quorum was not met, the September 8, 2021 Agenda was not adopted.	
<b>ADOPTION OF MINUTES</b>	As quorum was not met, the June 2, 2021 was not adopted.	
<b>PRESENTATIONS</b>	None	
<b>BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES</b>	<p>a. <b>Elections for Chair and Vice-Chair.</b> Christine and Tina’s one-year term are ending.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We were unable to carry out the selection process for a Chair and Vice-chair due to low attendance. Both Christine and Tina are willing to let their names stand for another year of service, with Christine as Chair and Tina as Vice-chair. For the chair position, Christine encourages anyone who is interested to please put their name forward – Christine does not mind filling the role, but she is not attached to it.</li> <li>- Christine will send out an email.</li> </ul>	<p>Christine Miller</p> <p>Christine Miller</p>

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	<p><b>b. Re: Climate Emergency Letter.</b>  <a href="https://www.sdgaccord.org/climateletter">https://www.sdgaccord.org/climateletter</a>.</p> <p>i. Update regarding reply from TRUSU.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Azul Hernandez-Billy is the new TRUSU President. Lief Douglas is the new staff at TRUSU. Christine will send an email to both Azul and Lief regarding the climate letter and see if TRUSU is interested.</li> <li>- Sierra Ray is taking over for Alex McLellan.</li> </ul>	Christine Miller
	<p><b>c. Bird Strike Film.</b> Audit of Old Main.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The installation of the bird strike film is almost finished on the Clock Tower. Next building to be done is the Old Library Building. James will find out from Warren what the budget is. This is not a cheap project.</li> </ul>	James Gordon
	<p><b>d. Terms of Reference.</b> ESAC discussion regarding possible update to Terms of Reference regarding adding two new members for the purposes of making the ESAC more relevant in the community: An Indigenous Community Member and a Community Member at Large.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Scott said if all members present, we would have 17 voters and if we add 2 then there will be 19 members. At what point is it too many, particularly with respect with quorum. Board Appointees could be community members and that is how we may be able to get community input.</li> <li>- Christine commented if a community member be happy with a spot at the table but not a vote.</li> <li>- Tina commented that it is time-consuming for community members and unfair if they don't have a vote.</li> <li>- James commented that it is 18 voting members not 17. James brought up if his position should have a vote.</li> <li>- Tina states she needs a name change for her department to Office of Indigenous Education NOT Director of Aboriginal Affairs (or designate)</li> </ul>	

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<p><b>REPORTS OF COMMITTEES</b></p>	<p><b>a. TRU Sustainability Education in the Curriculum Sub-Committee</b> – Report by Christine Miller</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Carolyn states they did an activity of what is the most important issue is with the Sustainability course. There is a draft set of outcomes that will be taken back to the Committee for discussion.</li> </ul> <p><b>b. Awards Sub-Committee</b> – Report by Michael Mehta</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- James will reach out to Michael about nominations.</li> </ul> <p><b>c. ESAC Zero Waste Sub-Committee</b> – Report by James Gordon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Reusable cutlery program.</b> Bags are handmade by Halley Feller, upcycled from bed sheets. Cutlery from thrift stores and donated by private donors. Not official launch but handed out at TRU’s Clues new student orientation. Will be getting them out at tabling events.</li> <li>- There are 4 public sinks around campus to wash the cutlery. It was suggested to put that information on the slip which is included with the cutlery.</li> <li>- <b>New Compost Hauler.</b> Spa Hills out of Salmon Arms that will now take napkins, coffee cups, bones.</li> <li>- <b>McGill Residence Compost Pilot Project.</b> Residence on board. 300 individual compost bins have been dropped off.</li> <li>- <b>Cigarette Butt Recycling.</b> Still ongoing.</li> <li>- <b>Construction Recycling Material.</b> Looks like we found a place to recycle drywall.</li> </ul> <p><b>d. ESAC Core Theme Planning Committee</b> – Report by Alana Hoare</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Committee has not met since Spring. Christine and James reported in August. Now will go to APPC and Senate.</li> </ul> <p>Alana gave an overview of TRU Mission Statement – <a href="https://www.tru.ca/about/tru-mission-statement/themes/sustainability.html">https://www.tru.ca/about/tru-mission-statement/themes/sustainability.html</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Committee to look at the Core Theme Planning and give feedback to Alana.</li> </ul>	<p>James Gordon</p> <p>Committee Members</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- James discussed what is trackable ie: Bird Strikes.</li> <li>- Scott commented on the need to look at how we present the data ie: Student Ambassadors – was the goal to have twenty student ambassadors for one year? James said yes, but due to Covid it stalled. James is expanding the Ambassador Program to include 2 Mentors and 20 Ambassadors.</li> <li>- Tina commented if TRU has a glazier program for students to get experience with the bird film and perhaps we can get another building done. James does not know if Trades offers a program like this but he will inquire with Baldev Pooni, Dean, at Trades.</li> </ul>	James Gordon
<b>DIRECTOR'S REPORT</b>	<p>Report by Warren Asuchak, AVP of Campus Infrastructure, Sustainability and Ancillary Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No report as Warren was not in attendance.</li> </ul>	
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	<p><b>a. Will meetings be virtual, in person or hybrid? – James Gordon</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Most members in attendance were more comfortable with a virtual meeting. Therefore, it was decided to keep the meetings virtual, via Teams, until the end of December, at which point we will re-consider whether we would like to keep the meetings virtual or move them to -in-person.</li> </ul> <p><b>b. Change meeting date and time? – James Gordon</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The meeting time for ESAC will have to change in order to garner higher attendance rates. A Doodle Poll will be sent out for membership availability.</li> </ul> <p><b>c. Change to Terms of Reference to give new Sustainability Office Position a vote (currently occupied by James Gordon) – James Gordon</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- It was decided to have a vote on making a change to the Terms of Reference in order to reflect the change in James Gordon's role to "Manager of Sustainability Programs". He is now filling a role similar to the past role held by Jim Gudjonson. It was decided to put this matter to a Doodle Poll vote to add this</li> </ul>	Christine Miller

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position to the Membership Roster of ESAC as a permanent member with voting privileges. If this change is made, we would also delete James' former role from the membership roster.

- d. Launch of the new Sustainable Purchasing Sub-Committee. First Meeting will be October 4, 2021 at 9:30. Call for Members.** – James Gordon
  - The first meeting will be held on October 4, 2021 at 9:30 via Teams.
  - James will chair for one year.
  - James has recruited Eric Vandermeulen and Shannon Mazereeuw.
  - Let James know if you would like to be part of this Committee.
  
- e. Sustainability Office Initiatives** – James Gordon
  - i. Staff/Faculty Sustainability Ambassador Program Relaunch**
    - Need help to look at the draft of the program.
    - We are ranked bronze with the Sierra Club.
  - ii. 3 Minute TRU's Clues Presentation, then Q&A**
    - 40 Initiatives of what the Sustainability office is up to. This was used at TRU's Clues.
  
- f. Biodiversity Sub-Committee** – Christine Miller
  - Starting a Biodiversity Sub-Committee. Bird Strike Film will be housed here and the Tree Planting Initiative as well. Peter Tsigaris is interested in joining this Committee.
  
  - James announced the TRU Tree Program will launch a one-year pilot program on September 22 in the a.m. The plan is a volunteer program with a team of 2 or 3 people to "plant, care and preserve". Asking to commit to plant, care and preserve the tree for three years. Want to plant 51 "big" trees in recognition of TRU's 51 years. Close to Lot "N" will be planting a 51 sapling forest. Report back to Canadian Campus Tree Program. If you participate you will get a baseball cap. Once Matt and Warren

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	have approved the TOR, we will send out a media release for the program.	
<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>	None	
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Christine Adam commented about the water bottle station in OM close to the Men's Washroom was drywalled over. James will ask Ben W. if it will be reinstalled?</li> <li>- We will be offering 4 sustainable grants to faculty.</li></ul>	James Gordon
<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	TBA	
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	Meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.	