

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday 6th January, 2010

Time: 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

A G E N D A

Place: OL 127

ATTENDANCE:

Present: J. Murray, B. Christianson, J. Van Hamme, P. Powers, D. Crespin-Mueller, N. Riesle, S. Purdy, G. Hayes, J. Sparks, T. Owen

Regrets: R. Reid

Notetaker: S. Jackson

Guests: Bryce Everly (Merve Milligan Associates), Jordon Rose, Ty, Kirsten

1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Judith Murray in the Chair. The meeting was called to order at 4:35 pm.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On motion duly made, it was RESOLVED to approve the agenda as circulated.

J. Murray

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

On motion duly made, it was RESOLVED to approve the minutes from the meeting held on 2 December, 2010, as circulated.

S. Jackson

4. MATTERS ARISING:

• **Air dryers versus cost of paper towels:**

- Brian to send a link to the data, to Shirley for circulation. Brian explained that this is an objective UK study on the inefficiencies of paper towels. Lifecycle analysis found paper towels produced 4.6 tons of carbon, compared to 1.6 from air dryers.
- Brian to give Shirley paper copies of surveys (Shirley to forward to Les Tabata)
- Tom to refer issue to Facilities (Les Tabata) for review/ recommendation, and then report back to the next meeting of the EAC.
- Tom to also ask Les if air dryers or paper towel dispensers are being installed in the House of Learning.

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/S. Jackson*

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T. Owen

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On motion duly made, it was RESOLVED to refer the issue of air dryers vs. paper towels to Les Tabata.

T. Owen

• **Update re. plastic water bottles – Tom Owen/Gerard Hayes**

- Selling of bottled water on campus: trend is to ban the sale of bottled water. Year on year data on the sale of bottled water would be very useful.
- Tom anticipates starting an education campaign within the next month.
- Suggestions:
 - Do by semester.
 - Approach the TRU ECO group for assistance.
- Issues:
 - We need to be able to gather data, in whatever timeframe makes sense (Gerard/Tom to bring report to next meeting).
 - Communications Plan – put on “back burner” for now.

T. Owen/
G. Hayes

• **Water bottle filling stations – Les Tabata**

- We have 50 water bottle filling stations on campus, but many people don't know what these are.
- Suggestions:
 - Publicize the filling stations; run an education campaign.
 - Put posters above the filling stations explaining what they are.
- The water from the filling station in the Science building used to taste sour; we think the problem has now been fixed.
- TRUSU is going to be handing out refillable coffee mugs (with coffee) next week.

T. Owen

• **Revised EAC Terms of Reference – Judith Murray**

- The draft revised Terms of Reference were reviewed.
- It was agreed to amend the EAC Admin Support to the Office of the Director, Environment & Sustainability.
- Shirley to send the amended version to the Steering Committee of Senate.

S. Jackson

On motion duly made, it was RESOLVED to send the revised Terms of Reference for the Environmental Advisory Committee to the Steering Committee of Senate, for approval.

S. Jackson

• **Transportation Demand Management Plan – Les Tabata**

- Deferred to next meeting (to be first item on next agenda)

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On motion duly made, it was RESOLVED to invite Les Tabata to present the proposal to implement the Transportation Demand Management Plan at the next EAC meeting, as recommended previously by the Environmental Advisory Committee.

S. Jackson/
T. Owen

5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT – TOM OWEN

- Carbon Neutrality: The February 4th BCOS meeting will receive a report on carbon tax costs. Travel is not a factor now, but probably will be in the future (currently includes emissions from energy use in buildings, gas used in vehicles, paper purchased by TRU, and fugitive emissions). The largest energy cost is the heating cost, which will be borne centrally. TRU has hired an Energy Manager.
 - Agenda item for February EAC meeting: BCOS report (copy of report to be circulated)
- Speaker Series: Positive feedback has been received. The events are being publicized widely. Speakers are:
 - January 14, 7 pm, Clock Tower: James Hunt, Ministerial Representative to the Copenhagen process and Tria Donaldson, Canadian Youth delegate will conduct a Copenhagen Post Mortem: What happened and where do we go from here?
 - January 25: Ken Ogilvie, former Executive Director, Pollution Probe, speaking on role of environmental NGO's post Copenhagen
 - February: Local Food and Public Opinion Speakers (to be confirmed)
 - March: Ted Manning, International Expert on Sustainable Tourism.
 - March (second speaker): topic to be water issues, date and speaker to be confirmed.
- Mixed recycling: we are now 2/3 of the way towards complete mixed recycling on campus. We are also starting to reroute the kitchen waste, and will incorporate Aramark into this scheme within the next few months. We will have 80-90% being recycled. Tom explained that he thought current health legislation prevented Tim Hortons and other food outlets on campus from recycling/composting their food, but this may not be accurate. Penny will email Tom a copy of the relevant Act; Gerard to also look into this. The Wildlife Park also picks up any unwanted food for the animals.
- Mascot/symbol for environment/sustainability: Tom wants to hold a student contest with a \$500 bursary (or something similar) as first prize, to design a mascot or symbol for environment/ sustainability.
- Double sided photo copiers should be installed on campus by the end of the month.

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*P. Powers
G. Hayes*

T. Owen

6. EAC REPORT TO SENATE (to be distributed at the meeting) – TOM OWEN

- Item deferred to February meeting.
- Tom to send the final draft of the Campus Sustainability Action Plan and draft report to Shirley for circulation and approval by the EAC.
- The report will then go to Senate and the Board concurrently.

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S. Jackson*

7. WORKING GROUP TERMS OF REFERENCE/MEMBERSHIP – TOM OWEN

- Tom presented Terms of Reference for the following groups:
 - Natural Environment Working Group
 - Built Environment Working Group
 - Socio-Cultural Working Group
- It was agreed that EAC Committee Members chair the main working groups, to give continuity and accountability. If no EAC Members are willing to sit on a sub-committee, then the Chair would be appointed by the EAC, but it is hoped that EAC members will volunteer to sit on sub-committees. Membership of the Working Groups will be opened up more widely; Tom to amend the Terms of Reference to reflect this.
- It was agreed to amend the terminology, and call the groups Environmental Advisory Sub-Committees rather than Working Groups.
- It was agreed to adopt the amended Terms of Reference for the Environmental Advisory Sub-Committees, and review it in one year's time.
- *On motion duly made, it was RESOLVED to approve the Environmental Advisory Sub-Committee Terms of Reference as amended.*

T. Owen

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S. Jackson*

8. DISCUSSION RE. DRAFT ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY POLICY – TOM OWEN

- Deferred to next meeting.

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9. WORKING GROUP REPORTS

- None received for this meeting.

10. AD HOC REPORTS

- **Campus Sustainability Action Plan – Tom Owen**
 - The Action Plan is complete; the Policy was deferred to the next meeting.
 - Draft Idling Policy that EAC approved at the last meeting: Cliff Neufeld has raised issues of breadth and overlap with other policies.
 - John Sparks pointed out we have to follow the Policy on Policies when developing a new policy.
 - We need to gather feedback on the policy.
 - It makes sense to ask other groups (eg Deans Council) to postpone reviewing the document until the feedback has been incorporated.
 - It is anticipated the policy will return to the EAC as an agenda item with feedback, comments and potential wording.

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11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Jonathan has put in a request for Charles Moore to be part of the Presidential Lecture Series. Jonathan has also nominated Charles for an honorary doctorate. Jon to liaise with Tom Owen re. this.
- Bryce Everly, guest, explained that he is trying to create a movement against creosote, getting a Facebook page organized, and will hopefully gather hard evidence to present to Kamloops City Council.

*J. Van Hamme/
T. Owen*

- The guests thanked the EAC for allowing them to attend and address the meeting.

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