

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday May 2, 2012

Time: 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Location: Lunch Box

Attendees: D. Crespin-Mueller; T. Dickinson; C. Huscroft; H. Hove; B. Klohn; T. Owen; D. Parkes; L. Tabata; P. Tsigaris;

Regrets: G. Hayes; I. Rich-McQuay; L. Douglass; J. Murray; S. Purdy; J. Sparks

Notetaker: K. Boyd

1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER

P. Tsigaris in the Chair, the meeting was called to order at 4:42pm.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Smart Tool

Smart tool greenhouse gas reporting is complete. The data has been uploaded and will be made public soon.

Environmental Certificate

APPC approved the letter of intent for Environmental Certificate. Certificate will include a 1 credit course as well as a presentation/poster about sustainability. Certificate is available up to a year after graduation.

Next Steps: Subcommittee reviews, will be posted for 10 days, then taken to EPC. The EPC may take the proposal to Senate for information and discussion.

Department Name Change

Senate has approved the new Department of Geography and Environmental Studies.

New Course

Lyn & Peter met to create Sustainability 1000 course. Usually courses of this type are taught by 3 faculty members. Plan to have letter of intent soon.

Environmental Award

Environmental Award has been awarded to Alice Stoddard from the Work Skills Training Program in Williams Lake.

Peter & Tom Owen travelled to Williams Lake in April and presented the award to Alice. They also have a Green Team in WL as well as a community green newspaper.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by T. Dickinson, seconded by D. Parkes. Carried.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by H. Hove, seconded by C. Huscroft. Carried.

5. MATTERS ARISING

Peter Tsigaris has sent the Presidents & Vice-Presidents (PVP) Committee an email indicating the EAC has endorsed Kevin's proposal for an Educational Food Garden at TRU. PVP has indicated they will put in their agenda for future discussion.

6. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS ON STRATEGIC PLANS/GOALS AND TASKS

TRU Strategic Plan

T. Owen reported that TRU will begin renewal of the institution's 5-year Strategic Plan by the end of the year.

Built Environment Sub-committee

D. Parkes provided an overview of the goals and tasks the sub-committee prepared. Discussed metrics that measure energy use and other metrics such as occupancy rates.

Committee will make minor revisions and resubmit in September.

Human Environment Sub-committee

P. Tsigaris provided an overview of the goals and tasks the sub-committee prepared.

Discussed additional goal: Increase awareness of all activities sustainability.

Suggestion: Creation of Student Leader Group

T. Dickinson brought up an idea of finding some way to support incoming students who show strong leadership skills. Discussed potential partner organizations and projects.

Sub-committee can be created to explore the motion. T. Dickinson, D. Crespin-Mueller, and H. Hove offered help.

Suggestion: Establish committee for sustainability curriculum.

Discussion surrounding having a more coordinated for the creation of sustainability curriculum.

Many people in a variety of departments are interested in this type of curriculum.

Natural Environment Sub-committee

Discussion was postponed as no representative from the Natural sub-committee was in attendance.

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

TDM Study finished, on www.tru.ca/sustain website, all members have been sent a copy.

May 17 – Community Market will be held on campus. Location still to be decided.

*Please note the date for the market has now been moved to June 12 or 13th.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Laneway houses are legal in Kamloops. Contact D. Parkes if you are interested or for more information.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:38 pm.