

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 4, 2013

Minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee held in the TRUSU Boardroom,
Thompson Rivers University, Kamloops, B.C., commencing at 4:30 pm.

HEADING	ITEM / DISCUSSION	ACTION
ATTENDANCE		
Present: D. Crespin-Mueller, L. Douglass, J. Gordon, J. Gudjonson, C. Huscroft, S. Learie, B. Mackay, D. Parkes, S. Purdy, J. Sparks, P. Tsigaris, L. Tabata, N. Yao		
Participating by Teleconference: none		
Regrets: T. Dickinson, M. Harrison; H. Hove; J. Lam, G. Read, I. Rich-McQuay		
Guests: A. McLellan (TRUSU)		
Others: J. Gordon (note-taker)		
CALL TO ORDER	<i>The meeting being duly constituted for the conduct of business, the Chair called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm.</i>	
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	<i>After it was pointed out that the format of the Agenda must henceforward be like that adopted by all senate committees, it was moved and seconded that the agenda be adopted as distributed.</i>	
ADOPTION OF MINUTES	<i>Amendment: Under the heading Next Meeting, it was changed to Sept 4th, 2013, from Apr 3, 2013. On motion duly made and adopted, it was RESOLVED to approve the minutes from the last meeting as distributed.</i>	
BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES	None.	
REPORT OF COMMITTEES	None	

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**DIRECTOR'S
REPORT**

Two New Staff Members

J. Gudjonson introduced two new staff members from the TRU Office of Environment and Sustainability: James Gordon, Environmental Programs and Research Coordinator, who started Sept 3 and is replacing Kaitlin Boyd while she takes a year's leave to complete her Masters of Resource Management at SFU. Besides his duties with the TRUOES, he will be a resource person for this committee and will, among other tasks asked of him, send out EAC agendas, minutes and update the EAC website. He will receive the necessary training to update and maintain the EAC website.

J. Gordon

Natalie Yao, Energy Specialist, who started last May, is focusing on issues to do with natural gas savings and efficiencies. As a result of Tom Owen's passing, Jim has been Interim Director since last April. How the Director's position will be filled will be determined in the next few months.

Plastic Beverage Container Review: The final version of the report was completed about a month ago by Jim and Kaitlin and passed on to the TRU Board of Governors for review at their upcoming September board meeting. The Board will discuss it and get back to Jim about next steps.

Tom Owen Memorial Scholarship – The goal is to raise \$20,000. Currently, the amount raised is \$4000 to \$5000. Proceeds of approximately \$150-\$300 from the latest Tom Owen Golf Tournament in August went into the fund. One idea to raise further funds is to raffle off the Giant electric bike that TRUOES purchased several years ago and has been sitting since. It's valued at \$2200. J. Gordon will investigate the raffle option.

J. Gordon

Leadership in Environmental Sustainability certificate – This program is now available to any TRU student. The following committee members agreed to assist with the review of applications: S. Learie, S. Purdy, D. Parkes, C. Hyscroft.

J. Gordon will send a PDF of Terms of Reference of the

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	certificate to all members of the EAC.	J. Gordon
NEW BUSINESS	<p><u>TRU Strategic Planning sessions</u> P. Tsigaris suggested that the EAC nominate someone from the committee to be part of the TRU Strategic Planning sessions which plan to have a final report complete by the end of 2013. The reason for suggesting this nomination is in order to have environmental and sustainability issues represented. The committee nominated him! S. Purdy will submit a letter with this nomination. Moved, seconded and carried.</p> <p><u>Extending Terms for EAC Committee Members</u> P. Tsagaris' three year term as the EAC Chair and D. Parkes' term as a committee member are over. They would like to continue sitting as committee members but no one present was certain whether they could. C. Hyscroft's term as a committee member is also over but since she missed a year while on maternity leave she would like to sit for another year. J. Sparks will send a note to the Senate office to find out if all three can renew their membership for another term.</p> <p>EAC committee member Michelle Harrison is currently on a one year maternity leave.</p> <p>S. Purdy was nominated to be the new Chair of the EAC and P Tsagaris was nominated to sit as the Vice-Chair, assuming he is allowed to continue to sit on the EAC committee. Moved, seconded and carried. Congratulations and thank you Susan!</p> <p><u>TRU Environmental Achievement Award</u> P. Tsigaris, J. Sparks and G. Down, from the TRU Awards and Honours Committee, will have a meeting to discuss the process to have the award become a formal TRU award.</p>	<p>S. Purdy</p> <p>J. Sparks</p> <p>P. Tsigaris, J. Sparks, G. Down</p>

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NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be held on October 2, 2013 at 4:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Signature of Chairperson, Chair

Signature of Vice-Chairperson, Vice-Chair (if required)

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