

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday October 3, 2012

Time: 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Location: TRUSU Boardroom

ATTENDANCE

Present: D. Crespin-Mueller; T. Dickinson; L. Douglass; D. Parkes; I. Rich-Mcquay; S. Purdy; J. Sparks; L. Tabata; P. Tsigaris

Observer: K. Smith

Regrets: H. Hove; C. Huscroft; B. Mackay; T. Owen; G. Read

Notetaker: K. Boyd

1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Peter Tsigaris in the Chair. The meeting was called to order at 4:42pm.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR/VICE-CHAIR

T. Dickinson nominates Peter Tsigaris as Chair. Seconded by D. Parkes. No other nominations. Carried.

P. Tsigaris nominates Tom Dickinson as Vice-Chair. Seconded by J. Sparks. No other nominations. Carried.

3. MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

- **New members**
Glenn Read – Director of Ancillary Services
Brian MacKay Associate VP, IT Services & CIO- Appointed by the Board
- **Vacancies**
1 student position – TRUSU will nominate
2 faculty positions
1 staff position

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by L. Douglass, seconded by J. Sparkes. Carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Thompson Rivers University has been nominated for the Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Award under the category RBC Green Award 11 + staff. Winners will be announced at the gala dinner on October 13th.
- D.Crespin-Mueller reported that IPA is currently finalizing the Globe and Mail's Canadian University Report student survey results. TRU's ranking in 'Overall Commitment to Environmental Sustainability' is now at a B. In 2006-2007, the category was rated a D.
- L. Tabata reported that when comparing Sept 2011 versus Sept 2012, TRU is down significantly in the number of paid parking days. There are approximately 4,000 less paid days in Sept 2012 versus 2011.
- P.Tsigaris – A fund is being created from the parking fee increase for environmental initiatives. The fund committee has met once so far and will be meeting again in the near future.

7. MATTERS ARISING

- Environmental Leadership Certificate was sent to EPC.

Action: Peter Tsigaris will contact Christine Adam and inquire as to the status of the credential.

- Sustainability 1000 Course – Dale, Susan, Robin, Peter, and Crystal all met 3 or 4 times during the summer to develop the course. The group hopes to have a course outline prepared in the next month and the course offered next academic year.

8. ENERGY TEAM

- The creation of an energy team was brought up at the annual BC Hydro Energy Management Assessment. The EMA is a yearly meeting to assess the progress of TRU's energy management program and identify priority action areas for the next year. One of the possible action items could be to create an energy team.

Action: Kaitlin to invite Jim Gudjonson to a future meeting to present TRU's progress with the Energy Management program and provide insight on the creation of an energy team.

9. REPORT TO THE BOARD AND SENATE

- The committee reviewed and amended the report. A revised draft will be forwarded to the committee for review before being submitted to the Board and Senate on October 10th, 2012.

Action: Next meeting Tom Owen to speak on the creation of the new sustainability fund.

8. REPORTS ON STRATEGIC PLANS/GOALS AND TASKS

- Sub-Committees will meet within the next month to review goals and tasks. Will report back at the next EAC meeting.

Action: Subcommittees to meet within the next month.

9. EDUCATIONAL FOOD GARDEN

Clearing has begun in the proposed area for Kevin Scollon's Educational Food Garden.

Action: Kaitlin to invite Kevin Scollon to next EAC meeting to provide an update on the garden.

Action: Invite Don Lawrence to a meeting regarding composting by the Fine Arts exhibition area outside Old Main. Or Peter to meet with Don Lawrence and discuss this.

10. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Peter Tsigaris read Tom Owen's Director's report to the committee.

- The department recently underwent a comprehensive marketing analysis conducted by consultant James Gordon. James conducted a survey and focus groups, identified priority areas for the department and provided a recommendation report.

Action: Kaitlin to send the results of the marketing analysis to the committee.

- A Bike Shelter is now available for use between the Facilities and House of Learning buildings. Les Tabata reported that basic repair tools (allen keys, wrench, screwdrivers) will be installed. An air pump may possibly be available as well.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Leif Douglass reported that James Gordon is organizing the Reel Change Sustainability Film Fest in Kamloops on October 19th & 20th. The films will be shown at venues throughout Kamloops. More information is available at their facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/ReelChangeSustainabilityFilmFestivals>

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:44 pm.