

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

April 1, 2015

Minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee held in the Independent Centre boardroom,  
Thompson Rivers University, Kamloops, B.C., commencing at 4:00 pm.

HEADING	ITEM / DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>		
<b>Present:</b>	Tom Dickinson; Jim Gudjonson; Hoberly Hove; Sofia Perkins-Taal; Susan Purdy (Chair); Marjorie Serack; Wayne Singular; Robert Wisla	
<b>Participating by Teleconference:</b>	None	
<b>Regrets:</b>	Scott Blackford (designate from TRU office of Legal Counsel, which John Sparks is head of); Emma Bourassa; Michele Harrison; Crystal Huscroft; Stacey Jyrkkanen; Linda Komori; Sharman Learie; Dale Parkes; Glenn Read; Les Tabata; Peter Tsigaris	
<b>Guests:</b>	none	
<b>Others:</b>	James Gordon (note-taker; TRU Sustainability Office (TRUSO)); Natalie Yao (TRUSO)	
<b>CALL TO ORDER &amp; WELCOMES</b>	<i>The meeting, being duly constituted for the conduct of business, was called to order at 4:10 pm by the Chair.</i>	
<b>ADOPTION OF AGENDA</b>	<i>On motion duly made by H. Hove and seconded by T. Dickinson, it was RESOLVED to approve the agenda as distributed.</i>	
<b>ADOPTION OF MINUTES</b>	<u>Minutes of March 4, 2015</u> <i>On motion duly made by R. Wisla and seconded by W. Singular, it was RESOLVED to approve the Minutes as distributed.</i>	
<b>PRESENTATIONS</b>	None.	
<b>BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES</b>	<u>On work of sub-committee looking at issues to do with entrenching and infusing sustainability into TRU curriculum</u>  This item was not discussed.	

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	<p><b><u>Possibility of changing scope and name of EAC to the TRU Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC) (working title)</u></b></p> <p>S. Purdy reported that she, T. Dickinson, and J. Gordon went to the Senate Steering Committee meeting in March to discuss this item. Before the actual issue of the name change was discussed, the committee members discussed how the EAC is unlike most other Senate sub-committees since it reports both to Senate and the Board. The EAC's goals (regarding what we report on compared to what we do) are very broad and this makes it difficult for the Senate to make some decisions regarding the direction of the EAC.</p>	
	<p>H. Hove, being the Chair of the TRU HR and Governance sub-committee, will ask to put the issue of changing the EAC's Terms Of Reference to reflect the scope of the SAC on the next Agenda of that sub-committee (May 7 at 3 PM in CN boardroom). W. Singular and T. Dickinson said they will attend on behalf of the EAC.</p>	<p>H. Hove  W. Singular T. Dickinson</p>
	<p><b><u>Paper Cut Challenge</u></b></p> <p>The TRU Sustainability Office will take the lead on this initiative. J. Gordon and J. Gudjonson will meet to work out a draft plan and will report back to the EAC at the May 7 EAC meeting. They will supply EAC members with the draft by May 1.</p>	<p>J. Gordon &amp; J. Gudjonson</p>
<b>REPORT OF COMMITTEES</b>	None.	
<b>DIRECTOR'S REPORT</b>	<p>J. Gudjonson reported on the following:</p> <p>a) Two phases of the Continuous Optimization program (COp) are done so far, resulting in a 15 to 20% decrease of energy use compared to the baseline. This month, TRU will buy 10% of its natural gas as 'renewable' natural gas. TRUSO is also working with TRUSU investigating the purchase of electricity from Bullfrog Power. Both of these initiatives will help off-set part of our greenhouse gas emissions.</p> <p>b) The 86 new zero-waste stations have arrived from Busch Systems (Barrie, Ontario) and will be set up around campus in the next 4-8 weeks.</p>	

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	<p>c) The TRU Sustainability Grant Fund Review Committee awarded three of the six proponents with cash awards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$20,00 was given to a project that will construct a new 1 km multi-use circuit trail on campus</li> <li>• \$45,000 was given to a project to fix the main retaining walls in the Horticulture Gardens, which are currently constructed of toxic creosote wooden ties.</li> <li>• \$4/\$5000 was given to a project to create a fence-mounted art mural, promoting wellness and using reclaimed materials.</li> </ul> <p>d) The TRU Sustainability Grant Fund set aside \$10,000 this year to each of one faculty member and two students to help pursue sustainability-related research grants. Two students each received \$5000 (one related to carbon sequestration in grasslands, and one involved with sustainable science lab practices). There was no suitable faculty project submitted.</p>	
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	<p>The organizer of the recently passed Community Innovation Lab event at TRU (Feb 3-5; Joanne de Vries, from the Fresh Outlook Foundation) is looking for an individual to take some of the key actionable ideas that came out of the three day event, and, over a 12 month period, 'bring them to life'. The EAC members thought that, besides the possibility of finding a grad student to take this on, the following scenarios were also possibilities: student taking Honours or Directed Studies. Having several students work in a team was also put forth. Getting a student(s) to somehow tie it into the Leadership in Environmental Sustainability certificate was also put forth.</p> <p>S. Purdy reported that the grasslands information kiosk behind Trades is ready to be built. J. Gordon will supply P-Card to facilitate this.</p>	J. Gordon
<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>	None.	
<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	May 6, 2015 from 4:00 to 5:30 PM in the TRUSU Boardroom.	W. Singular
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	S. Purdy will miss the next meeting, so VP W. Singular will chair it. M. Serack will also miss it.	

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The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.

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*Signature of Chairperson, Chair*

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