

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 7, 2015

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

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ATTENDANCE		
Present:	S. Blackford (designate from TRU office of Legal Counsel); M. Harrison; H. Hove; S. Learie; S. Perkins-Taal; S. Purdy (Chair); W. Singular; P. Tsigaris; R. Wisla	
Participating by Teleconference:	None	
Regrets:	E. Bourassa; J. Gudjonson; H. Hove; C. Huscroft; L. Komori; D. Parkes; G. Read; J. Sparks; L. Tabata	
Guests:	Alex McLellan (TRUSU)	
Others:	J. Gordon (note-taker, TRUOES); N. Yao (TRUOES)	
CALL TO ORDER & WELCOMES	<i>The meeting, being duly constituted for the conduct of business, was called to order at 4:10 pm by the Chair.</i>	
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	<i>On motion duly made by H. Hove and seconded by R. Wisla, it was RESOLVED to approve the agenda as distributed.</i>	
ADOPTION OF MINUTES	<u>Minutes of November 5, 2014</u> <i>On motion duly made by W. Singular and seconded by S. Blackford, it was RESOLVED to approve the Minutes as distributed.</i>	
PRESENTATIONS (A)	None.	
BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES	<u>Update on Strategic Sustainability Plan (SSP)</u> – Due to J. Gudjonson’s absence, J. Gordon reported that the TRU Board of Governors approved the plan when J. Gudjonson presented it to them; he also asked the Senate in December 2014 for their opinion of it—even though this was not needed since the Board already	

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approved it—and they gave it a ‘thumbs up’ as well. The next step is to promote the plan so that the broader TRU community is aware of it. Ideas from around the EAC table to do this included: issue a media release; put info on social media sites and our website home page; send out the pdf of the plan to all EAC members and to all members of the TRU community who may be interested in it; run a campus TV monitor ad; promote it at future student orientations; and inform TRU Mar Comm staff about it in the hopes they may do a story about it.

The EAC would like to provide advice on the state of the SSP at minimum on a yearly basis, starting December 2015.

On development of sub-committee to look at issues to do with entrenching and infusing sustainability into TRU curriculum

S. Purdy reported two things: 1) that she will send out a Doodle poll to members of the sub-committee looking into these issues (M. Harrison, E. Bourassa, P. Tsigaris, S. Perkins-Taal) in order to determine a meeting time; and 2) the sub-group developing a new 2nd year interdisciplinary course in Sustainability is moving ahead with developing the course outline and going through the process of filling in the new Sustainability Worksheet.

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http://www.tru.ca/vpacademic/curriculum_development_approval/sustainability_worksheet.html

Possibility of changing scope and name of EAC to the TRU Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC) (working title)

There was a discussion around the table about the merits and pitfalls of changing the scope of the EAC to include all of sustainability. In the end, a motion was put forth by R. Wisla—and seconded by M. Harrison-- to pursue a change to the SAC. S. Purdy said she would then send the revised Terms of Reference of the SAC to Gordon Tarzwell (Chair of Senate Steering Committee) for his review and comments.

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	<p><u>Grasslands Education Kiosk behind Warehouse</u> S. Purdy reported that the design plan calls for three educational panels to the kiosk: the importance of the grasslands; local animals and birds; and the remediation process that this particular piece of land went through because of its disturbance. Based on the last Minutes, J. Gudjonson is planning to discuss details about the construction of the kiosk with Interim Trades Chair, Tom Haag.</p>	J. Gudjonson
	<p><u>Initiative to phase out desk-top printers</u> It was agreed around the table that because of the various types of departments/offices around campus, there are a variety of different needs/wants in regards to printer use. There was a new question to be considered when formulating the final plan: Will new multi-use printers need to be purchased/leased when a bunch of desk-top printers are taken out of circulation? And if so, what is the fee for this?</p>	
	<p><u>Update on CommUnity Innovation Lab (CIL), sustainability conference and 'Village' (Feb 3-5, 2015 at the CAC).</u> J. Gordon will send all EAC members the latest information on the CIL. From a brainstorming session around the table on how to promote the conference, the following were brought forward: on campus TV monitors, Moodle and Black Board Learn, My TRU, TRU Alumni office (Arlene Olynyk), Yammer, ECom Staff List, other email list-serves.</p>	J. Gordon
REPORT OF COMMITTEES	None	
DIRECTOR'S REPORT	None, due to J. Gudjonson being away.	
NEW BUSINESS	None.	

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CORRESPONDENCE None

NEXT MEETING February 11, 2015 from 4:00 to 5:30 PM in the TRUSU Boardroom.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Signature of Chairperson, Chair

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