

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 6, 2015

Minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee held in the Independent Centre Boardroom,
Thompson Rivers University, Kamloops, B.C., commencing at 12:30 PM.

HEADING	ITEM / DISCUSSION	ACTION
ATTENDANCE (one vacancy remains; Board appointed)		
Present:	Warren Asuchak; Tom Dickinson; Karl Fultz (new staff member; Database Administrator Enterprise Systems, IT Services); Jim Gudjonson; Crystal Huscroft (Vice Chair); Susan Purdy; Glenn Read; Marjorie Serack; Wayne Singular (Chair); Peter Tsigaris	
Participating by Teleconference:	None	
Regrets:	Scott Blackford (designate from TRU office of Legal Counsel); Emma Bourassa (who must step down from being on the EAC); Hoberly Hove; Madhuree (Yojna) Juddoo; Dale Parkes; Amie Schellenberg; Robert Wisla;	
Guests:	Alex McClellan (TRUSU, Research Coordinator)	
Others:	James Gordon (note-taker; TRU Sustainability Office (TRUSO)); Natalie Yao (TRUSO)	
CALL TO ORDER & WELCOMES	<i>The meeting, being duly constituted for the conduct of business, was called to order at 12:40 pm by the Chair.</i>	
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	<i>On motion duly made by Marjorie, seconded by Crystal, and approved by all other members it was RESOLVED to approve the agenda as distributed.</i>	
ADOPTION OF MINUTES	Minutes of December 2, 2015 <i>On motion duly made by Tom, seconded by Susan, and approved by all other members it was RESOLVED to approve the Minutes as distributed.</i>	
PRESENTATIONS	None.	
BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES	<u>Welcome new EAC members</u> - Karl Fultz (Database Administrator Enterprise Systems, IT Services) was welcomed to the EAC, but since Amie Schellenberg could not make the meeting (Faculty of Trades and Technology), her welcome is	

tabled.

**On work of sub-committee looking at issues to do with
entrenching and infusing sustainability into TRU curriculum**

Susan mentioned that the sub-committee looking into this issue (her, Emma, Crystal and Tom) had a productive meeting before the Christmas break. Most notably, Emma shared her experience of ‘internationalizing’ curriculum, and how a similar process—but in a sustainability context—might be helpful for this sub-committee to consider. Susan mentioned that Emma’s ideas were very helpful, and so it’s unfortunate that Emma must step down from the EAC due to health issues. Susan will plan another meeting. James will forward on his contact from the U of Sask., since that school went through a similar process of entrenching and infusing sustainability into their curriculum.

**Susan
James**

Possibility of changing scope and name of EAC to the TRU

Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC) (working title). Wayne attended the Senate sub-committee meeting where they approved the change in name to the Environment and Sustainability Advisory Committee (ESAC); along with the proposed amendments to the Terms of Reference. Paul Michel, TRU Executive Director of Aboriginal Education, has agreed to sit on the new committee. Gordon Tarzwell, in his role of head of the Senate sub-committee, recommended that Paul be asked to sit on this new committee. Wayne will contact Paul to discuss his involvement. Wayne will also discuss with Hoberly and Jim how this new change to the EAC will affect the Board, which meets next on February 5.

**Wayne
Wayne**

Using a new Moodle Site

Wayne reported that he believes that Sharepoint will achieve the file-sharing goals of using an external site for this committee better than Moodle, so he will research it a bit more before reporting back to this committee.

Wayne

Vision for EAC (from present up to 5 years in the future)

Due to several new members joining the committee, James will resend an email that went to members asking them to share their thoughts on a vision for the EAC over the semester and up to 5 years

James

in the future. Old members are also encouraged to add to or amend the comments they have already sent in. Based on all submissions, Wayne will lead a discussion at the February 3 meeting on a vision for the EAC. Also at the Feb meeting, as a way to assist with this discussion, Jim and James will lead a discussion on the AASHE STARS report that TRU was given a Gold rating for last May. James will send the link to this report, along with the link to the 2011 report (that TRU got a silver rating on).

Wayne

**Jim &
James**

James

Discussion re TRU joining Canadian Universities Environmental Network. It was suggested that maybe the \$350 annual membership fee could be paid for by the Provost's Office. This would allow all Faculties equal access to participate in the membership of the network. Crystal will draft a letter to this effect to the Provost, and email all EAC members for their input. On motion duly made by Tom, seconded by Crystal, and approved by all other members it was RESOLVED that Crystal will do this.

Crystal

Decide on EAC meeting times for January to June 2016. Meetings will start at 12:20. Crystal, as Vice Chair, will take-over chairing the meeting at 1:20 since Wayne, the Chair, has to leave to teach a class.

Crystal

TRU Parking proposal issue that TRUSU is spearheading.

Regarding this proposal, there are currently recommendations in front of the TRU Parking Appeal and Advisory Committee. Once all recommendations are considered, a final approval of any changes to parking regulations will be made by VP Finance, Matt Milovick. Warren will report back to the EAC with any major news on this issue. In regards to the broader issue of transportation to TRU, Jim will now sit on the City's new Transportation Demand Management Advisory Committee, where he will advocate for improvements to transit for TRU.

Warren

**REPORT OF
COMMITTEES**

None.

**DIRECTOR'S
REPORT**

- The Continuous Optimization program is continuing in nine campus buildings.
- The Williams Lake campus bio-mass boiler district energy project is moving ahead and should be operational in March. It will help reduce greenhouse gas emissions by around 90%.
- The wind test tower on the hill above the Trades building is collecting data, and from preliminary results is indicating that

it's unlikely that there is the type of wind necessary for large-scale affordable energy production. Data collection will continue for another 4-5 months and may be of value several years in the future if wind turbine technology improves and/or present-day energy prices balloon higher.

- Research continues on the feasibility of TRU purchasing two hybrid cars for staff to use for regional business travel. Data generally supports the belief that there will be a long-term savings by doing so, instead of continuing with the current model of reimbursing staff to use their personal vehicles (to the tune of paying around \$200,000 per year). Also, the Trades Dept. is interested in starting some sort of alternative-fuel maintenance program. This would have the dual benefit of having another program offering for students, and having the students perform the maintenance on the purchased vehicles.
- Jim and Glenn will be working with Multi Materials BC (MMBC) over the next few months to arrive at a waste stewardship program for TRU.

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

February 3, 2016. 12:20-2:00 in the TRUSU Boardroom.

NEXT MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Signature of Chairperson, Chair

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