

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 2, 2016

Minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee held in the Independent Centre Boardroom,
Thompson Rivers University, Kamloops, B.C., commencing at 12:20 PM.

HEADING	ITEM / DISCUSSION	ACTION
ATTENDANCE (there are three vacancies: Board appointed, faculty, and one student)		
Present:	Warren Asuchak; Scott Blackford (designate from TRU office of General Counsel); Tom Dickinson; Jim Gudjonson; Hoberly Hove; Susan Purdy; Amie Schellenberg; Wayne Singular (Chair); Peter Tsigaris	
Participating by Teleconference:	None	
Regrets:	Karl Fultz; Crystal Huscroft (Vice Chair); Dale Parkes; Glenn Read; Marjorie Serack	
Guests:	None.	
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 12:35 pm by the Chair.</i>	
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	<i>On motion duly made by Tom, seconded by Hoberly, and approved by all other members it was RESOLVED to approve the agenda as distributed.</i>	
ADOPTION OF MINUTES	<i>Minutes of February 3, 2016. On motion duly made by Susan, seconded by Scott, and approved by all others it was RESOLVED to approve the Minutes as distributed; with minor revisions.</i>	
PRESENTATIONS	None.	
BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES	<p><u>On work of sub-committee looking at issues to do with entrenching and infusing sustainability into TRU curriculum</u></p> <p>Susan had nothing to report at this time. She will report back on her talk with Margret Asmuss (Sustainability Coordinator from the U of Sask.) at a later time. On a related note, she mentioned that the Canadian Colleges and Universities Environmental Network (CCUN) has a conference in May in Halifax that will deal in large part with the subject of entrenching and infusing sustainability into</p>	Susan

TRU curriculum. Dale Parkes was not present so his report was tabled (regarding his draft proposal to have 'sustainability in curriculum' as a topic of discussion for next year's agenda for the teaching colloquium at TRU).

Dale

Possibility of changing scope and name of EAC to the TRU Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC) (working title). Wayne reported that the changes to the Terms of Reference went to the Board for their approval on February 5 but he has not heard back from them and he has had no luck tracking down the minutes. Hoberly said they had no issues with the proposed changes. Scott will look for the Minutes and report back to wayne.

Scott

Using a new Sharepoint Site. James had not yet contacted Charlene Myers about this but will for the next meeting.

James

Vision for EAC (from present up to 5 years in the future). Jim and James presented on TRU's gold rating for the AASHE STARS report from 2015. Jim presented on areas within TRU he thought that the EAC could help achieve a higher score on next time, when TRU tries for Platinum (which is a score of 170/200). Here are those areas with corresponding scores:

- **Purchasing – 3.84/6**
 - Inclusive and Local Purchasing 0.25/1
 - Life-Cycle Cost Analysis 0.5/1
 - Guidelines for Business Partners 0.5/1
- **Operations – Dining Services – 2.04/7**
 - Food and Beverage Purchasing 0.92/4
 - Low-Impact Dining 1.12/3
- **Transportation – 4.22/7**
 - Campus Fleet 0.07/1
- **Curriculum – 34.48/40**
 - Academic Courses 11.33/14
 - Learning Outcomes 5.15/8
- **Research– 15.58/18**
 - Access to Research 0/2
- **Campus Engagement – 13.18/20**
 - Student Educators Program 0.18/4
 - Employee Educators Program 0/3
- **Public Engagement – 16.35/21**
 - Community Service 0.35/5

Also regarding the EAC vision, James will send an email to all

James

members with a Doodle poll seeking possible dates in May to convene a separate meeting to discuss the vision (either full or half day)

Discussion re TRU joining Canadian Colleges and Universities Environmental Network (CCUN). This is deferred since Tom had nothing to report.

Tom

TRU Parking proposal issue that TRUSU is spearheading. Warren reported that the Parking Appeals and Advisory Committee met February 18. Several changes were proposed which, if approved, will take effect September 2017. They are still taking recommendations. TRU VP Finance will announce the final decision on this issue.

Administration of the Sustainability Grant Fund. This is deferred since Crystal was absent.

Crystal

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

None.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Most issues were covered in the discussion of the AASHE STARS report, but Jim also reported that almost 19,000 tubular LED bulbs were installed all over the campus to replace the more energy intensive traditional fluorescent tubular bulbs. Doing so will result in an estimated \$90,000/year savings (1 million kw/hrs per year).

NEW BUSINESS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

NEXT MEETING

April 6, 2016; 12:20 to 2 pm in the TRUSU Boardroom.

ADJOURNMENT

1:23 PM.

Signature of Chairperson, Chair

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

