



Minutes of the ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 4, 2020

Due to Covid19, the committee meeting was held virtually using MS Teams

Thompson Rivers University

Kamloops, B.C., commencing at 12:00 PM

HEADING	ITEM / DISCUSSION	ACTION
ATTENDANCE		
Present:	Airini, Warren Asuchak, Scott Blackford, Christin Chen, Karl Fultz (Vice Chair), Robyn Hollas, Tina Matthew, Michael Mehta, Jana Noskova, Nicole Schabus, Meng Sun, Peter Tsigaris, Thamindu Widyaratne	
Participating by Teleconference:	none	
Absent:	none	
Regrets:	Pete Hrkac, Carolyn Ives, Christine Miller (Chair), Bala Nikku, Dipesh Prema	
Admin Support:	James Gordon	
Guests:	none	
Others:	Alana Hoare (Office of Quality Assurance)	
Vacancies:	none	
CALL TO ORDER & WELCOMES	<p>The meeting, being duly constituted for the conduct of business, was called to order at 12:10 pm by the Vice Chair, Karl Fultz, who welcomed everyone. Special welcomes took place for the two new ESAC members:</p> <p>Dr. Michael Mehta - JOHSC Committee Representative. Michael is a faculty member from the department of Geography and Environmental Studies. Airini - Deans Council representative. Airini is the Dean of the Faculty of Education and Social Work. A round of introductions by everyone then took place.</p>	
TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT	Karl Fultz gave the territorial acknowledgement.	

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On **MOTION** duly made it was **RESOLVED** to approve the agenda as distributed.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Minutes of Oct 9 were accepted.

PRESENTATIONS

None

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

5a. Regarding the matter of the Board of Governors agreeing that TRU should sign the climate emergency letter (<https://www.sdgaccord.org/climateletter>). Christine could not be present today so Karl reported that Christine spoke before Senate on Oct 26 asking them to support TRU signing the climate emergency letter. Members of Senate were receptive to the idea but asked her to work with TRU legal counsel representative John Sparks to reword the motion so that it's in keeping with TRU protocols. Karl, Scott, Peter and Nicole will help with the wording to ensure the motion before the next Senate meeting will be approved. The same motion will be presented at the next Board of Governors meeting.

**Karl,
Peter,
Nicole,
Scott**

Christin reported that she emailed Alex McLellan (TRUSU University Governance Coordinator) about TRUSU signing the letter but has not received a reply. James will follow-up with Chrtistin to discuss next steps.

James

5b. James reported on TRU's participation and sponsorship as a 'host institution' in AASHE's Global Conference on Sustainability in Higher Education (Oct 20-22). 84 TRU members participated in at least one session (26 students; 58 staff/faculty). TRU's sponsorship allowed all TRU members to participate for free, and, so long as they registered by November 2, they can enjoy any of the sessions (which are all recorded) until Nov 22.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

6a. TRU Sustainability Education in the Curriculum sub-committee. Committee report by Carolyn, who is reporting

due to Christine's absence today (she is one of the co-Chairs with Crystal Huscroft). The three of them plan to meet in the next two weeks to discuss next steps. A foci of the discussion will be around the Indigenous Sustainability course being developed.

**Christine,
Carolyn**

6b). Awards Sub-committee. Michael Mehta, the Chair, reported that due to family medical issues, Jana has had to step back from helping on this sub-committee. Also, that the terms of reference for the two Sustainability Achievement Awards have been updated but the Tom Owen Award still needs tweaking. James and he will discuss this.

**Michael,
James**

6c. ESAC Zero Waste sub-committee. Committee report by James, Chair. His report took the form of the Minutes from the sub-committee meeting on Oct 13. The Minutes are pasted at the bottom of this document.

6d. ESAC Core Theme Planning sub-committee. Report by Alana Hoare, Chair:

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Warren reported on the following:

- Received funding from BC Hydro for an energy efficiency study at East Village.
- Another \$170,000 in funding from Hydro for a 2.1 million dollar project has to be deferred due to budget pressures caused by Covid. Hydro is understanding.
- Phase 1 of the campus electrification project with Creative Energy is moving ahead. Talks regarding the City getting on board to some degree are ongoing; hopefully by bringing the TTC into the mix. Phase 1 includes Clock Tower, Old Main, Library, Sciences, Open Learning, Gym, and IT.

NEW BUSINESS

8a. James discussed: Senate Steering Committee asked ESAC to complete Triennial Review Report by Jan 1. All members of ESAC will receive a survey from Senate about this.

8b. James reported on STARS report update. James said he could use help from members of ESAC to help with various aspects of filling in the STARS report. He will reach out to certain members.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

NEXT MEETING

December 2, 2020 - 12:00 to 1:30 pm— Virtual via MS Teams

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 1:30pm

Signature of Chairperson, Chair

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



Zero Waste Sub-Committee

Part of the ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes – from Tuesday, October 13, 2020

Due to Covid-19, the meeting will be virtual via MS Teams

Time: 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Location: On-Line Meeting

1. **CALL TO ORDER & WELCOMES**
2. **TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**
3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES** – Meeting of February 27, 2020.
5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES** of Feb 27 meeting:
 - a. Review draft Terms of Reference. Thank you Karl.
 - b. Progress of the two cigarette butt Ballot Boxes. Installed as a part of a pilot at the Old Main and Trades smoking shelters once complete. He brought them to his contact at Trades, Tom Haag. Both stations need modifications. **ACTION:** James will email Tom Haag and Rose seeking an update..
 - c. Handheld vacuum cigarette butt cleaning idea. James has information on industrial strength unit. The basic idea is that the vacuum will be purchased by TRU, and then any TRU community member can check it out (like a library book) if they want to go suck up some butts. James reported that he talked to a librarian who reminded him that if it's used to vacuum butts that it will likely start to smell like butts over time, and this is not something the Library wants in the building (good point). James though maybe it could live in the Bike Storage shed. Due to covid, this item is **TABLED**.
 - d. Posters for Designated Smoking Areas (DSA's). Work needs to be done on the Designated Smoking Areas (DSA's) posters and signage. **ACTION:**

Christine and Anna will research what are the best posters to erect, in order to get smokers to use the receptacles and not litter the ground. Questions that need addressing: Where to put posters? Can the TRU Go app be used to help?; What websites should have the information?; How to best use social media?

- e. Zero waste videos. James reported that there were 11 submissions to the TRU Zero waste Short Video Contest. **ACTION:** James needs to complete judging so the top 5 videos can be announced and prizes given out. Videos will then be shown on social media sites.
 - f. TABLED. Paper single use coffee cups. James will ask Ancillary Services, the Student Union, and Culinary Arts to find out if they can divulge how many paper single use coffee cups they go through each month.
 - i. Contracts for Tim Hortons and Starbucks. **ACTION.** James will also try to find out when the contracts for Tim Hortons and Starbucks are up.
 - g. Eco-container program update. We started with 1000 and we are down to 50. They are not being returned, some are kept, and many end up in the garbage. It needs to be revisited, and McKewan University consulted to see what solutions they have. **ACTION:** James will talk to Robyn Holas about next steps.
 - h. TRU plan Single-Use Item Elimination Task Force.
 - i. Details on Federal Single-Use Plastic Ban. As of October 2020: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/single-use-plastics-1.5753327>
 - ii. **ACTION:** Each member of this committee to send James by November 4th a list of items of what they think should be eliminated from campus (the 'hit list' ! ☺).
6. **NEW BUSINESS - none**
7. **CORRESPONDENCE - none**
8. **NEXT MEETING? – November 11, 11 am to 12 pm—Virtual via MS Teams**
9. **ADJOURNMENT at 2:30 pm**

