

Minutes of the ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 6, 2017

Committee meeting held in Old Main 1662, Thompson Rivers University, Kamloops, B.C.,
commencing at 12:30 PM.

| HEADING | ITEM / DISCUSSION | ACTION |
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| ATTENDANCE (there is one Board appointed vacancy and one staff vacancy) | | |
| Present: | Wilson Bell; Lloyd Bennett; Scott Blackford (Interim Vice-Chair, and designate from TRU office of General Counsel); Tom Dickinson; Karl Fultz; Jim Gudjonson; Sharman Learie; Rory McKerchar; Michael Mehta; Peter Tsigaris | |
| Participating by Teleconference: | None. | |
| Regrets: | Warren Asuchak; Courtney Mason; Paul Michel; Aanchal Mogla; Glenn Read; Amie Schellenberg (Interim Chair); Guenter Weckerle | |
| 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 12:40 pm by the interim Chair, Scott Blackford. Everyone introduced themselves, and the committee welcomed new member, Lloyd Bennett, Faculty of Arts (Visual and Performing Arts).</i> | |
| ADOPTION OF AGENDA | <i>On motion duly made it was RESOLVED to approve the agenda as distributed.</i> | |
| ADOPTION OF MINUTES | <i>Minutes of June 6, 2017. On motion duly made it was RESOLVED to approve these Minutes.</i> | |
| PRESENTATIONS | None | |
| BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES | <u>Ensuring quorum for meetings</u> – This issue carries over from last June. Due to Paul Michel’s lack of regular attendance, James will reach out to him since he is an Ongoing member who can assign a designate if needed. The Chair, Amie, will email him too. It will be stressed about how the rules work for Senate meetings regarding quorum, and the Chairs ability to call another meeting within a week | James Amie |

(The Senate terms of reference state: A quorum for Senate, or a committee of Senate, shall consist of a simple majority of voting Members. If within a half an hour from the time appointed for a meeting of the Senate, or a committee of Senate, a quorum is not present, the meeting shall stand adjourned to a date and time and place to be determined by the Chair, and if, at the adjourned meeting, a quorum is not present within a half an hour of the time appointed for the meeting, the Members present shall be a quorum. A Senate Member may participate in a meeting of the Senate or of any committee of the Senate by means of a conference telephone or other communication device by which all Members participating in the meeting can hear each other. A member participating in accordance with this Article shall be deemed to be present at the meeting and shall be counted in the quorum.)

James and Amie will also contact Guenter about his lack of attendance and inform him of the concerns of the committee re his lack of attendance. Charlene Myers, admin support for Senate standing committees, will be notified after communication with him is in place.

**James,
Amie**

James will also email all ESCC members to find out if they know of anyone interested in joining the ESAC.

James

During discussions around the issue of quorum it arose that there is a need for some long-term annual planning for the ESAC. Jim mentioned that TRU is seeking institutional accreditation with the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (<http://www.tru.ca/vpacademic/accreditation.html>), and that there are significant sustainability deliverables associated with this. These deliverables also tie-in very well with the direction the TRU Sustainability Office is taking regarding its STARS report, which it's filling in right now with the goal of achieving a Platinum level (TRU's last report in 2015, which it received a Gold rating on, is here: <https://stars.aashe.org/institutions/thompson-rivers-university-bc/report/2015-03-03/>). Jim will guide the session to discuss deliverables for the ESAC for the year regarding milestones, goals, etc. This will be done at the next October 4 meeting.

Jim

Awarding environmental sustainability achievement award:

Tom had the idea of tying-in the awarding of it with a major TRU event in order to bring more publicity to the award (such as Earth Day or IDays, etc.). Scott mentioned that the focus should be on the process of awarding any awards to make sure the entire community is notified of all possibilities of getting involved. It was put forward that an Awards Subcommittee should be struck, and this motion was carried. James will email ESAC members about expressions of interest to sit on the committee, which will then be sent to Scott and Amie. The subcommittee will consist of 2 to 5 members.

James

TRU Sustainability Education in the Curriculum sub-

committee. Susan, who is no longer sitting on the ESAC, will be invited by James to sit as a regular member on this subcommittee since she cannot sit as the Chair. She will be invited to the October meeting. James will email all ESAC members about expressions of interest to sit on this committee.

James

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**REPORT OF
COMMITTEES**

None

**DIRECTOR'S
REPORT**

Jim will be meeting with the Provost next week about issues to do with the STARS report, and he will report back about this in October. IDays manager Tony Rogge (TRU World) and Jim met. The focus on the event will be on the four sustainability development goals, as laid out by the United Nations, that have to do with food (Zero hunger; Good health and well-being; Sustainable communities; Responsible production and consumption). Speakers will be brought in and various events planned. Karl is interested in sitting with Jim on the IDays subcommittee. Jim will report back on ongoing details regarding this event at the October meeting. He also mentioned various energy projects around campus: LED lightbulb retrofit is almost finished around campus and New Rez is finally getting on board with this. The cost is \$450,000 and there's a five year payback, with approximately a \$60,000 savings each year. The McGill residences are also almost done. The new nursing building will not have many substantial sustainability features, but there are some innovative ones nonetheless. The new Trades building will have a 200 kWh solar array put on the

Jim

Karl

Jim

roof which should take up the energy load from all lights and plugs, but not heating. Jim is also working on a centralized waste system on campus. The unpleasant smells from the composting facility are hopefully rectified due to a in-house manufactured biofilter on the roof of the facility. So far so good.

Scott

NEW BUSINESS

ESAC meetings will continue to be the first Wednesday of each month from 12 to 1:30 at the TRUSU boardroom. James will inform all ESAC members about meetings a week prior in order to try to make sure there is sufficient attendance for quorum.

James

The two discussion points that Karl brought up: around bird mortality from hitting campus windows, and a the plan to substantially lessen the amount of litter on campus, will continue at the next October meeting.

Karl

CORRESPONDENCE None

NEXT MEETING October 4, 2017. Noon to 1:30 in the TRUSU Boardroom.

ADJOURNMENT 1:35 PM.

Signature of Chairperson, Chair

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