

Minutes of the ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 11, 2016

Committee meeting held in the Independent Centre Boardroom, Thompson Rivers University,
Kamloops, B.C., commencing at 12:00 PM.

HEADING	ITEM / DISCUSSION	ACTION
ATTENDANCE (there is one Board appointed vacancy)		
Present:	Warren Asuchak; Scott Blackford (designate from TRU office of General Counsel); Karl Fultz; Jim Gudjonson; Crystal Huscroft (Vice Chair); Aanchal Mogla; Rory Mc Kerchar; Michael Mehta; Susan Purdy; Amie Schellenberg; Wayne Singular (Chair);	
Participating by Teleconference:	None.	
Regrets:	Tom Dickinson; Jessica Heney; Courtney Mason; Paul Michel; Glenn Read; Marjorie Serack; Peter Tsigaris	
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 12:05 pm by the Chair.</i>	
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	<i>On motion duly made by Amie, seconded by Karl, and approved by all other members it was RESOLVED to approve the agenda as distributed.</i>	
ADOPTION OF MINUTES	<p><i>Minutes of November 2, 2016. Since the missing information was included, on motion duly made by Michael, seconded by Amie, and approved by all other members it was RESOLVED to approve these Minutes.</i></p> <p><i>Minutes of December 7, 2016. On motion duly made by Amie, seconded by Michael, and approved by all other members it was RESOLVED to approve these Minutes.</i></p>	
PRESENTATIONS	None.	

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Chairperson position needs filling after January. Wayne reported that he will have to step down from the chair after the January meeting due to his teaching schedule. He will continue to help with the two sub-committees he is currently on (In-Service Day, and Sustainability Education in the Curriculum). Crystal has agreed to chair the meetings until a new Chair is chosen. One idea put forward was to have a rotating Chair, so that not all of the responsibility falls to one person. To help lessen the work-load of the Chair(s), Jim agreed that he and James will take care of any reports to Senate that are needed. (It was mentioned that a quorum is needed to vote on a new Chair.). James will inform Senate of Wayne's decision, and will send a Doodle poll to the three ESAC students regarding their availability in case the new Chair, in light of the challenges of getting adequate and regular attendance, needs to seek options for a new meeting time

**James
James**

Sustainability as the theme for the upcoming February 22 TRU In-Service Day. Jim reported that the broad parameters of the agenda are set. Alex Stephan (futurist) is the key-note speaker. Themes of the after-lunch 45 mins break-out sessions include: Energy (at home and work, and cross-over between them); Mindfulness & Wellness; Cultural Sustainability (regarding First Nations and other cultures); Social Sustainability (and a facilitator is still needed for this!); Financial Sustainability; and Waste & Compost. Participants can choose to attend 2 of the 6 sessions.

Jim will send further information to ESAC members as details become available.

Jim

List of which committees ESAC members currently sit on. James reported that there are several members who have not responded to his emails asking which committees/groups they sit on. The reason for wanting this information (from Vision Minutes): By having this information it may facilitate a more strategic flow of information, and might also help to 'fill any strategic gaps' when it comes time to fill any vacancies. James will send another email asking for this information.

**Many
ESAC
Members**

Ensuring proper process for awarding Environmental Sustainability Achievement Award – Tabled.

(?)

On work of sub-committee looking at issues to do with entrenching and infusing sustainability into TRU curriculum (this item is now the TRU Sustainability Education in the Curriculum sub-committee) now known.

Susan, interim Chair, reported on the following:

- Re the February Teaching Practices Colloquium at TRU. If you want to get involved, please discuss with Susan.
- Re attracting TRU faculty to join the new ESAC TRU Sustainability Education in the Curriculum sub-committee there was good response from faculty and students (approx. 11 came forward). Next meeting is Jan 13. There is a Moodle site in order to access resources.
- There might be the possibility of someone from ASSHE or another university to come to TRU to do workshop on the 'nuts and bolts' of getting sustainability content into the curriculum. Further information to follow.
- She did presentation to the TRU Teaching and Learning committee of Senate.

Updates to new ESAC Sharepoint site - James reported that the site is up, however he still has to finish the process to get the ESAC students access. It was brought to his attention that access to the Senate website is not working (which houses Minutes and Agendas).

James

Discuss joining Canadian Universities Environmental Network -

- Tom's report is tabled (re if the Provost has approved joining network, and what next steps there might be).

Tom

Administration of the Sustainability Grant Fund. Crystal's report is tabled.

Crystal

Waste/composting food from retailers on campus. The main discussion centered around seeking options to prevent edible food destined for the waste/compost pile to, ideally, be put aside so that others can eat, and, if this is not possible, to make sure it is at least properly composted.

- Aanchal mentioned that the Good Samaritans Act prevents lawsuits if the intention is to help others with your actions.

- TRUS is running a campaign called Hunger For Choice.
- There was discussion that the 'Best Before' designation on stickers is confusing for consumers, since many think you should not/cannot eat food past this date. In fact, this date signifies peak freshness. Perhaps the sticker should read 'Peak Freshness'.
- January 25 the documentary Just Eat It will show at TRU as part of the Films For Change series. It's about food waste in BC and Canada.
- Food Trucks will soon be coming to campus. James was asked to talk to Jim about discussing composting options with the truck owners. **James**
- Tabled - Jim to report on what Glenn Read and Jessica Papineau said about presenting to the ESAC on what Aramark does on issues to do with food waste and food options. **Jim**

NEW BUSINESS None.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES None.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT Tabled. **Jim**

CORRESPONDENCE None.

NEXT MEETING February 1, 2017. Noon to 1:30 in the Independent Centre Boardroom.

ADJOURNMENT 1:05 PM.

Signature of Chairperson, Chair

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