



**Meeting Notes**  
**of the ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

May 1, 2019

Committee meeting held in the TRU Student Union Boardroom, Thompson Rivers University  
 Kamloops, B.C., commencing at 12:00 PM. Lunch was provided.

HEADING	ITEM / DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>- Quorum was not met, so these are 'meeting notes' and not official Minutes.</b>	
<b>Present:</b>	Wilson Bell; Scott Blackford (Vice Chair); Nicole Schabus; James Gordon; Jim Gudjonson; Christine Miller; Jana Noskova; Peter Tsigaris	
<b>Participating by Teleconference:</b>	none	
<b>Absent:</b>		
<b>Regrets:</b>	Warren Asuchak; Tom Dickenson; Tina Matthew; Paul Michel; Meherul Mizu; Bala Nikku; Bryce Parks, Dipesh Prima; Glenn Read; Courtney Mason, Karl Fultz; Caitlin Quist; Glenn Read	
<b>Admin Support:</b>	Sarah Miller; James Gordon; Canyon Sinclair; Aaron Wiebe.	
<b>Guests:</b>	none	
<b>Others:</b>	none	
<b>Vacancies:</b>		
<b>CALL TO ORDER &amp; WELCOMES</b>	<i>The meeting, being duly constituted for the conduct of business, was called to order at 12:15 pm by the Vice Chair, Scott Blackford</i>	
<b>ADOPTION OF AGENDA</b>	<i>The agenda could not be approved since there was no quorum.</i>	
<b>ADOPTION OF MINUTES</b>	<i>The Minutes of April 5, 2019 could not be accepted since there was no quorum.</i>	
<b>PRESENTATIONS</b>	Ashley Burard about the Leadership and Environmental Sustainability Certificate, a one credit certificate that can be done over the summer semester. She can be contacted for more information.	
	<i>Nicole stated there was an issue in the law faculty, a course only counted for two credits, and the certificate could be a possible fix.</i>	

*James to exchange contact information for international student cohort to Ashley to spread the word about the certificate.*

**BUSINESS ARISING  
FROM MINUTES**

5.a. ' Greenspace to enhance positivity'. Tabled. Scott made a point of order to take this off the agenda, Jim seconds.

5.b. Re inviting the TRU President, Brett Fairbairn, to an ESAC meeting so that he can learn first-hand about how the committee works. Jim reported that he has been invited to the next meeting (June 5) and is waiting on a response. *Chatter about bringing in Envision around sustainability and planning to talk about the sustainability plan refresh during the meeting with the president. Concerns were also raised about achieving quorum during the presidential meeting, James stated that he would individually email committee to confirm attendance. Members confirmed to attend as of May 1: Wilson Bell, Scott Blackford, Christine Miller, Jana Noskova (tentative) Jim Gudjonson, Peter Tsigaris.*

5.c. On what it means to electrify the whole campus. Jim presented a slideshow, reporting ways to reduce GHG through alternate energy. Possibilities to install electric boilers in all buildings on campus; BC Hydro is paying for a study. Williams Lake campus to be carbon neutral by September.

5.d. On the issues of single-use plastic items and other items associated with the ESAC meeting lunches. Tabled due to Jessica's absence.

5.e. On issue brought up by the JOHS Committee of increasing numbers of rats on campus. Tabled due to Tom's absence.

**REPORT OF  
COMMITTEES**

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6.a. TRU Sustainability Education in the Curriculum sub-committee. James reported that for those interested, there is a workshop available on May 9<sup>th</sup>. If there is evidence of implementation of sustainability learning into a course, you can receive a \$500 credit.

6.b. Environmental Sustainability Achievement Award sub-committee. James is working with Marcom to better promote the faculty/staff award, and also to compile the list of all past award winners and post their names on the ESAC site. This is still in progress. The staff award was posted on Faculty List Serv. as well as social media and the campus TV monitors. Nothing has been heard about the next round of nominations. James suggested to spruce up the document to garner more interest. It was not accepted to have the award looped in with the President Awards. Subcommittee to look at the organization for next year to get nominations.

6.c. Zero Waste sub-committee (ZWSC). James reported that the sub-committee decided to pursue a reusable food container system. Jessica has an ancillary services contact, and Aramark seems keen to be involved. The issue of cigarette butts was briefly mentioned, Yana and Christine were invited to sit on the committee, Christine accepted.

6.d. Sustainable Procurement Framework Sub-Committee. Jim reported that the final guideline version was to be shared and circulated. Two or three more rooftops are to be fitted with solar panels (ITTC, Williams Lake, UCH). Several events are upcoming: Bike to Work Week, Ride Don't Hide, Trash Bash, Electric Vehicle Day (EMOTIVE helping with funding (June 23); Casual Shirt Fridays. EV bikes are doing well, and there is a new option for a winter parking pass.

**DIRECTOR'S  
REPORT**

Director's Report. Standing Report on note-worthy energy projects and plans.  
Nothing to report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

8.a. Courtney to speak on the importance of restarting the Staff TRU Sustainability Ambassadors Program. Absent, posed to stop bringing forward due to not having the horsepower to roll out right now.

8.b. James – Reminder of Sept 4 ESAC elections for Chair and Vice-Chair. From ESAC T of R: "Voting members of the Committee, nominated by the committee and elected at the first meeting of the academic year (September 4), to serve for one year". Scott announced he served two terms as vice chair and would do it again, but would support anyone else if they wanted the position.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**NEXT MEETING**

June 5, 2019. 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm. TRUSU Boardroom. Lunch will be served (please inform James of dietary needs).

**ADJOURNMENT**

1:15 PM.

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*Signature of Chairperson, Chair*

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