



**Minutes of the ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

December 5, 2018

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

HEADING	ITEM / DISCUSSION	ACTION
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**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Scott Blackford (Vice Chair); Haley Feller; Karl Fultz (Chair); Jim Gudjonson; Courtney Mason; Tina Matthew; Michael Mehta; Meherul Mizu; Jessica Papineau; Dipesh Prima; Peter Tsigaris

**Participating by Teleconference:**

**Absent:** Warren Asuchak; Sharman Learie; Bala Nikku; Caitlin Quist; Nicole Schabus

**Regrets:** Wilson Bell; Tom Dickenson

**Admin Support.:** James Gordon; Melina Smith; Natalie Yao

**Guests:** Eric Vandermeulen

**Others:**

**Vacancies:** JOHS representative

**CALL TO ORDER & WELCOMES** *The meeting, being duly constituted for the conduct of business, was called to order at 12:10 pm by the Vice Chair, Scott Blackford. New members Haley Feller (staff, Examinations Department, OL), and Jessica Papineau (designate for Glenn Read) were welcomed.*

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA** *On motion duly made it was RESOLVED to approve the agenda as distributed with minor revisions.*

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES** *Minutes of November 7, 2018 were accepted. Make sure it was reflected that Karl was calling via conference call.*

**ESAC ELECTIONS** Scott ran the election. Due to Karl being reinstated on the committee, and since no one else sought the Chair's seat, he achieved his wish to be re-elected as the Chair. No one sought to sit as the Vice-Chair either, so Scott, who said he was willing to sit again, was also re-elected to that position. Thank you gentlemen!

**PRESENTATIONS** a. TRU Sustainability Procurement initiative. Tim Reeve and Barbara Everdene from Reeve

Consulting presented a draft of the TRU sustainability procurement guide. A discussion followed. Proprietary equipment (for instance in labs) that may not be able to adhere to sustainability measures necessarily should be discussed as far in advance as possible with the Procurement Office in order to get them on campus in a timely manner. All input from the presentation will be incorporated into the next draft of the guide which will be presented at the January meeting. The final draft will hopefully be ready for the February meeting. Presentation will be sent to all ESAC members soon. **James**

b. James Gordon and Aaron Wiebe on the 'nuggets' they learned about at recent AASHE conference in early October.

- Tabled to next meeting due to time constraints.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

c. TRU Sustainability Ambassadors program. Courtney spoke on the strength of the program in the short and long term and asked when it will be reinstated. Jim reported that the plan is to get the program back up and running in February. It was delayed because of the recycling contamination issue due to China and other major buyers of recycling material not doing so because of contamination rates. Michael mentioned the need for more coffee cup recycling stations, so this will be looked into for the campus. Haley mentioned the usefulness of the Kamloops Waste Wise app. This will be promoted through the Sustainability Office social media sites. **James**  
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d. Meherul Mizu spoke on project 'Greenspace to enhance positivity' (see attachment for details). Karl will ask Warren about procedures for having plants and other green spaces on campus. Haley wondered if maybe the sustainability ambassadors can help with plant maintenance. Jim mentioned that maybe all new campus **Karl**

buildings should have concessions for green space added to them. Karl wondered if it was too late for the new Nursing building to get plants/green space, and Jim thought that it was not. Michael thought it was noteworthy that this presentation also considered the social benefits along with environmental ones, and that it's worthwhile for the ESAC to generally think more fully about all proposals. Tina wondered if there was a program that could be implemented regarding more trees on campus. **Karl**

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

- e. TRU Sustainability Education in the Curriculum sub-committee. Susan's report: we are organizing a get-together for the people who took the Sustainability in the curriculum course back in May to plan for next year – it's all still in the planning stage.
- f. Environmental Sustainability Achievement Award sub-committee. New members include Scott, Peter, Courtney, Jim and Karl. James will work with the committee to email the campus about the nomination process.
- g. ESAC Zero Waste sub-committee. New members include James, Jessica, Haley, Karl and Tom.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Jim presented on the draft of the new TRU Transportation website. The name of the program is The Green Commuter Program and it's all about alternative transportation. Things are generally being very well received but some measures are really getting some push-back (like around vacation days being given as compensation for taking alternative transportation to campus). There is strong evidence from other jurisdictions and institutions that doing so makes sense in the long run. Jim feels eventually they will be implemented.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**NEXT MEETING**      January 9 (not 2<sup>nd</sup>), 2019. 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm.  
Location TBA.

**ADJOURNMENT**      1:30 PM.

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