



Minutes of the ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 6, 2019

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: Wilson Bell; Scott Blackford (Vice Chair); Tom Dickenson; Haley Feller; Karl Fultz (Chair); Bala Nikku; Jessica Papineau; Caitlin Quist; Nicole Schabus; Peter Tsigaris

Participating by Teleconference: none

Absent:

Regrets: Warren Asuchak; Jim Gudjonson; Courtney Mason; Tina Matthew; Michael Mehta (last meeting in term); Meherul Mizu; Dipesh Prima; Glenn Read

Admin Support.: James Gordon

Guests: Ashley Berard, Learning Strategist/Mentorship from the Faculty of Student Development

Others:

Vacancies: 2x faculty members

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOMES *The meeting, being duly constituted for the conduct of business, was called to order at 12:10 pm by the Chair, Karl Fultz. Everyone introduced themselves.*

ADOPTION OF AGENDA *On motion duly made it was RESOLVED to approve the agenda as distributed with the addition of:*

- *Scott: how to discuss the TRU biomass presentation issue.*
- *Haley: discuss the issue of single-use plastics and other items associated with the ESAC meeting lunch.*

ADOPTION OF MINUTES *Minutes of December 5, 2018 were accepted. Minutes of the January 9 were not approved since they were not official Minutes due to the fact that there was no quorum.*

PRESENTATIONS

a. Ashley Berard, Learning Strategist/Mentorship from Faculty of Student Development, oversees the Leadership in Environmental Sustainability Certificate and is looking for four new faculty

members to sit on the submission review committee. Tom expressed interest in joining. Peter suggested maybe reviewing the entire e-portfolio and not just the reflective essay since he thinks the e-portfolio is very strong. James told Ashley the Sustainability Office is happy to promote the certificate at the beginning of each semester if Ashley sends him the information. It came up that TRU alumni can do the certificate.

- b. Barb Everdene, Associate, Reeve Consulting, updated the ESAC on the TRU Sustainability Procurement initiative (3rd presentation). She reported that the draft is complete and is awaiting input from Eric and Jim. Once this input is factored into the draft, an updated draft will be emailed to all ESAC members for their input. Tom suggested the inclusion in the guide of a scorecard that all TRU Pcard users would need to fill out at least annually which would reveal how their purchases fare in regards to sustainability issues. Deans and other supervisors who oversee Pcard purchases would need to help review the purchases and facilitate this scoring. James suggested that all Pcard users should have to attend a brief orientation of the guide once it's complete.

Jim and Eric

**BUSINESS
ARISING FROM
MINUTES**

5.a. Coffee cup recycling stations. James reported that based on the suggestion from Michael to get more coffee cup recycling stations, 21 are in transit. These will be added to the current 6.

5.b. Regarding the project presentation at the December meeting by Meherul, 'Greenspace to enhance positivity'. Tabled - Karl will report on his talk with Warren re procedures for having plants and other green spaces on campus, for instance in the new Nursing building.

Karl

**BUSINESS
ARISING FROM
MEETING NOTES
of Jan 9.**

- Tabled due to Jim’s absence: on the idea of inviting the new TRU President, Brett Fairbairn, to an ESAC meeting so that he can learn first-hand about how the committee works. Jim said he would invite him.
- The upcoming TRU Bridges magazine will feature sustainability. Jim is working with MARCOMM to highlight efforts towards STARS Platinum Certification. Anyone interested in submitting stories should contact Jim.
- The 2019 AASHE conference will be in Spokane, Wa; TRU asked to be a co-host; call out for early-bird registrations; all ESAC members are asked to consider presenting at the conference.
- UN conference in Chile early November.
- Biomass at TRU. The following motion was put forward and was passed: a special meeting should be convened to hear presentations with academic integrity on all sides of the biomass issue, which would include, but not limited to: the particular technology being discussed for use on the TRU campus; the fact that it is a pilot project being discussed; the larger climate implications; local air quality issues; the performance of the energy projects on the UNBC and UBC campuses; and next steps in the TRU process. Also, that no decision regarding approving or denying the TRU project should be made at this special meeting. James will send out a Doodle Poll to seek meeting date/time options.

Jim

All ESAC

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James

**REPORT OF
COMMITTEES**

7.a. TRU Sustainability Education in the Curriculum sub-committee. James reported that Susan told him there was nothing to report.

6.b. Environmental Sustainability Achievement Award sub-committee. James reported that the call for nominations went out to staff and students and the deadline for submissions is Feb 22. The review committee will then decide on winners. Award presentations will take place in early March during

IDays. Committee members include Scott, Caitlin, Peter, Courtney, Jim and Karl.

6.c. Zero Waste sub-committee. Karl reported that the committee has yet to meet, and encouraged Haley to take the lead in organizing a meeting. Members include James, Jessica, Haley, Karl and Tom.

6.d. Sustainable Procurement Framework Sub-Committee. Tabled due to Jim's absence.

**DIRECTOR'S
REPORT
NEW BUSINESS**

Tabled due to Jim's absence.

Haley wanted to discuss the issue of single-use plastics and other items associated with the ESAC meeting lunches. Jessica, Haley and James will discuss and report back to the ESAC.

Jessica, Haley, James

CORRESPONDENCE None

NEXT MEETING

March 6, 2019. 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm. TRUSU Boardroom. Lunch will be served (please inform James of dietary needs).

ADJOURNMENT

1:30 PM.

Signature of Chairperson, Chair

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