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Minutes of the ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 4, 2019

Committee meeting held in the TRU Student Union Boardroom, Thompson Rivers University
Kamloops, B.C., commencing at 12:10 PM. Lunch was provided.

HEADING	ITEM / DISCUSSION	ACTION
ATTENDANCE	<p>Present: Scott Blackford (Vice Chair); Tom Dickenson; Karl Fultz (Chair); Jim Gudjonson; Pete Hrkac; Carolyn Ives; Bala Nikku; Jana Noskova; Jessica Papineau; Dipesh Prema; Peter Tsigaris.</p> <p>Participating by Teleconference: none</p> <p>Absent:</p> <p>Regrets: Warren Asuchak; Tina Matthew; Christine Miller; Nicole Schabus</p> <p>Admin Support: James Gordon</p> <p>Guests: Alana Hoare</p> <p>Others: Natalie Yao, and Aaron Wiebe from Sustainability Office</p> <p>Vacancies: 1 faculty member; 2 students</p>	
CALL TO ORDER & WELCOMES	<p>The meeting, being duly constituted for the conduct of business, was called to order at 12:10 pm by the Chair, Karl Fultz, who welcomed everyone back.</p>	
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	<p>On motion duly made it was RESOLVED to approve the agenda as distributed.</p>	
ADOPTION OF MINUTES	<p>Minutes of June 5 were accepted.</p>	
PRESENTATIONS	<p>Alana Hoare, from the TRU Dept of the PROVOST AND V.P. ACADEMIC, presented on the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities.</p>	
BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES	<p>6</p> <p>a. ESAC Elections - Karl was re-elected as the Chair, and Tom was elected as the Vice-Chair.</p> <p>b. Jim reported that TRU President, Brett Fairbairn, is interested in attending an ESAC meeting. Jim will ask him if he can make either the October 2 or November 6 meeting.</p>	Jim

c. Jessica reported on the new reusable food container system (Eco-Container), and melamine plates, bowls, etc. for catering to replace disposable ones.

d. Tabled. Tom, as ESAC JOHS Committee Representative, to report on issue brought up by the JOHS Committee of increasing numbers of rats on campus..

Tom

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

7. Committee Reports

a. TRU Sustainability Education in the Curriculum sub-committee. Report by Susan Purdy, Chair (James read the following from an email from Susan): "I can no longer report on any sustainability in the curriculum doings, as I am stepping away from this for now, as I am heavily involved in the General Education Taskforce (GET). Carolyn Ives in the CELT office is organizing once a month meetings for faculty interested in 'Sustainability in the Curriculum'. The first is on Friday Sept 20th 1 to 2pm. Carolyn will talk to Susan about the possibility of chairing this sub-committee and report back to the ESAC at the next meeting.

Carolyn

b. Environmental Sustainability Achievement Awards for 2020 (students x2 and staff/faculty x1) – Committee report by Scott, Chair. He reported that the committee needs to assess the nominees and maybe tweak the awarding process for the November ESAC meeting. Karl and Jana agreed to join this sub-committee.

Scott

Karl and Jana

1. Jim reported that he has not discussed with Dr. Fairbairn the possibility of having him hand out these awards at the annual President's Awards.

2. James reported that he has not put the list of past winners on the ESAC site, but will do so before the next meeting.

James

c. ESAC Zero Waste sub-committee. Committee report by James, Chair, who reported that the committee attracted 3 new members and is now at 10 members. The two main pilot projects they will focus on this semester are introducing a campus-wide travel mug reuse program, and a program to deal with cigarette butts.

d. Sustainable Procurement Framework Sub-Committee.
Committee report by Jim, who reported that Reeve Consulting has been working with Jim and Eric in Purchasing on finalizing the TRU Sustainable Purchasing Guidelines. The next step is to identify what the 'low hanging fruit' is at TRU as far as items/services that TRU purchases that could easily be more sustainable, and focus on making that happen on a regular basis. The Guidelines will be launched campus-wide soon.

Jim

**DIRECTOR'S
REPORT**

Jim reported on the following:

- TRU is currently working with Stantec on a new 5-year Strategic Sustainability Plan now that it's current one (2014-2019) is near its end.
- TRU was just recognized in the Sierra Club's 'Cool Schools' ranking of 'greenest universities and colleges' as the #1 school in North America - <https://www.sierraclub.org/sierra/cool-schools-2019/cool-schools-2019-full-ranking>
- All ESAC members are encouraged to participate by Sept 30 in the BC government survey seeking feedback on plastic waste: www.cleanbc.ca/plastics

All members

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

NEXT MEETING

October 2, 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)