



Minutes of the ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 4th, 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
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ATTENDANCE

Present: Jim Gudjonson, Scott Blackford, Karl Fultz (Chair), Pete Hrkac, Christine Miller, Jana Noskova, Dev Shah, Nicole Schabus, Carolyn Ives, Tina Matthew, Bala Nikku

Participating by Teleconference: none

Absent:

Regrets: Warren Asuchak; Tom Dickinson (Vice Chair); Jessica Papineau; Dipesh Prema; Peter Tsigaris.

Admin Support: James Gordon

Guests: Tim Reeve, Eric Vandermeulen, Chantel Oliver, Shannon Mazereauw and Barbra Everdene

Others: Natalie Yao, Canyon Sinclair and Aaron Wiebe from Sustainability Office

Vacancies: 1 faculty member

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOMES The meeting, being duly constituted for the conduct of business, was called to order at 12:05 pm by the Chair, Karl Fultz, who welcomed everyone back.

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES Minutes of September 4 were accepted.

PRESENTATIONS Tim Reeve and Barb Everdene, from Reeve Consulting, presented on Phase 2 of the TRU Sustainability Procurement initiative. After the presentation everyone provided input regarding opportunities and risks in 6 identified key areas of

procurement that are the 'low hanging fruit' (re making a substantial amount of change):

- 1) Furniture
- 2) Print Services
- 3) Office Supplies
- 4) Grounds and Maintenance
- 5) Food and Catering
- 6) Construction and Trades

Please direct any questions about this initiative to Jim Gudjonson and Eric Vandermeulen.

All members

**BUSINESS
ARISING FROM
MINUTES**

6.a) Jim reported that there is no date yet to invite the TRU President to an ESAC meeting. He will continue to enquire about his attendance.

Jim

6.b) James - Report on new reusable food container system (Eco-Container): Containers have been well received thus far. Some are being thrown away, so work is taking place to stop this: a new poster is being developed to inform users not to throw them out, and containers are being pulled from garbage bins. Due to the program's success, 500 more containers have been ordered.

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

Tom

**REPORT OF
COMMITTEES**

7.a) TRU Sustainability Education in the Curriculum Sub-committee. Committee report by Carolyn. The following motion was put forward: to officially form a Sustainability Education in the Curriculum Sub-committee.

Discussion on the motion: Talked about what the committee would do: tying educational sustainability outcomes of each TRU course to the STARS framework so that it's easier to complete the STARS report; and the integration of the workshop 'sustainability across the curriculum'. These two things were provided as examples. The motion was seconded

by Nicole and passed. Bala, Nicole, and Jim joined the committee and recruitment will continue.

7.b-i) Environmental Sustainability Achievement Awards for 2020 (students x2 and staff/faculty x1) – Committee report by Scott, Chair. The Terms of Reference have been modified so that it is easier to nominate for the awards. Nominations now only require 1 nominator for a given nominee and a 500 word or less recommendation for the ESAC to review. The faculty/staff award is not on the President’s awards list. Jim has committed \$1000 to add to the staff award as a way to entice more nominations. This award must be used for professional development. Motion to accept changes to Terms of Reference was carried.

7.b-ii) James reported that the list of past winners is on the ESAC site.

7.c) ESAC Zero Waste sub-committee. Committee report by James, Chair. There are now 10 people on the sub-committee and lots of energy to tackle issues. Two things were mostly discussed at the last meeting: possibilities for a campus mug share program, and plans on how to deal with discarded cigarette butts. Also discussed was campus food waste. Will continue to meet monthly for an hour.

**DIRECTOR’S
REPORT**

8) Jim reported on a number of big solar projects coming up and that they will be cheaper than expected. This is fantastic news. The plan is to hold The Reach to STEP code 2 and eventually code 3. TRU’s next new science building (build in approximately 5 to 7 years), will be held to STEP code 4. Tina Matthew asked if there were student learning opportunities on these solar projects. Jim’s answer was not yet, but it is possible.

Tina’s motion to discuss banning of single use plastics was discussed thoroughly during the Reeve Consulting presentation and so it did not need to be discussed further.

New Business

None.

CORRESPONDENCE None

NEXT MEETING Next meeting: November 6th, 2019; 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm in the TRUSU boardroom. Lunch will be served.

ADJOURNMENT 1:30 pm.

Signature of Chairperson, Chair

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