

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 4, 2016

Minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee. Held in the Independent Centre Boardroom, Thompson Rivers University, Kamloops, B.C., commencing at 12:20 PM.

HEADING	ITEM / DISCUSSION	ACTION
ATTENDANCE (there is one vacancy: a student)		
Present:	Warren Asuchak; Scott Blackford (designate from TRU office of General Counsel); Karl Fultz; Hoberly Hove; Crystal Huscroft (Vice Chair); Paul Michel; Dale Parkes; Wayne Singular (Chair); Peter Tsigaris	
Participating by Teleconference:	None	
Regrets:	Tom Dickinson; Jim Gudjonson; Jessica Heney; Michael Mehta; Susan Purdy; Glenn Read; Amie Schellenberg; Marjorie Serack; Robert Wisla	
Guests:	None	
Others:	James Gordon (note-taker; TRU Sustainability Office (TRUSO)); Natalie Yao (TRUSO)	
CALL TO ORDER & WELCOMES	<i>The meeting, being duly constituted for the conduct of business, was called to order at 12:30 pm by the Chair. New member Paul Michel, TRU Director of Aboriginal Affairs, was welcomed.</i>	
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	<i>On motion duly made by Karl, seconded by Dale, and approved by all other members it was RESOLVED to approve the agenda as distributed, along with two new items.</i>	
ADOPTION OF MINUTES	<i>Minutes of April 6, 2016. On motion duly made by Hoberly, seconded by Scott, and approved by all others it was RESOLVED to approve the Minutes as distributed.</i>	
PRESENTATIONS	None.	
BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES	<p><u>On work of sub-committee looking at issues to do with entrenching and infusing sustainability into TRU curriculum</u></p> <p>Susan will attend the Canadian Colleges and Universities Environmental Network (CCUN) conference in Halifax (May 11-13), which has as its theme ‘sustainability in curriculum’. ESAC would like to hear a short report on it from Susan after she’s back.</p>	Susan

Dale reported that there is a meeting in the Fall about which presentations will take place at the TRU teaching colloquium in February. His idea is to propose having 'sustainability in curriculum' as a topic of discussion Wayne will send him contacts about who to approach.

Dale

Wayne

Business arising from name change from EAC to the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee (ESAC). James reported that the changes to the website are almost complete.

James

Using a new Sharepoint Site. James reported that he did not have time to advance this issue but will figure out how to use the site and email ESAC members by the next meeting. Karl suggested talking to Andrea Hall or David Burholder to get help if needed.

James

Report on ESAC Visioning Session from May 2; and Related Issues. James and others who were in attendance reported on the following main areas of discussion:

- TRU Trust – There will be a presentation on the over-all role of the Trust at two meetings on May 9 (6-8 PM in CAC Mountain Room), and May 17 (not sure of location, but somewhere off campus). Good communication between ESAC and Trust is important moving forward.
- TRU AASHE STARS Gold report – many areas in the report were identified that lacked points; many of which were thought to be 'low hanging fruit'. Before the ESAC pursues action on any of these areas, however, good coordination with Jim at the Sustainability Office is needed. Possible areas include: water use; food procurement and retail options; and student engagement in sustainability initiatives.
- Strong relationship between aboriginal core values and sustainability – Although Paul was not able to attend the Visioning session, he mentioned that the general knowledge of aboriginal peoples' heritage is very much in alignment with over-all sustainability objectives. Wayne mentioned that he could offer his insights on this subject to the Visioning session through the Minutes of the session.
- Adding to ideas for the ESAC vision - all members of the ESAC are encouraged to add their thoughts to the session Minutes, which James will get out shortly. The final version of the vision will be re-examined at the September meeting before being finalized.

Paul

James

Discussion re Provost helping to fund TRU joining Canadian Colleges and Universities Environmental Network (CCUN).

Tabled since Tom was not present.

Tom

TRU Parking proposal issue that TRUSU is spearheading. Warren provided the following report: a final meeting will happen May 17, after which the final proposal will go to Matt Milovick roughly two weeks later, after which Matt will make the final decision on parking changes. In general, nothing will happen for the 2016-2017 school year, but it's anticipated that there will be fewer parking spots around campus, which means rates will rise. Spots closer to buildings will cost more, and reserved spots will be awarded through a lottery system. Many Canadian universities don't have spots just for staff/faculty, like TRU has presently.

Administration of the Sustainability Grant Fund. Tabled due to Crystal's absence.

Crystal

Waste/composting food from retailers on campus – Tabled due to Amie's absence.

Amie

Ensuring proper process for awarding Environmental Achievement Award (now changed to Environmental Sustainability Achievement Award) – Wayne will report on this in September.

Wayne

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

None.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Tabled due to Jim's absence.

Jim

NEW BUSINESS

Chelsea Corsi, from TRU Wellness, would like to know if she can talk about the following at the June ESAC meeting. James reported that Chelsea would like to discuss the Okanagan Charter for Health Promoting Universities and Colleges that was developed last June at the International Conference for Health Promoting Universities and Colleges, hosted at UBC Okanagan. It was developed with input from hundreds of university and college community members representing over 40 countries. Here is a link to the document: <http://www.internationalhealthycampuses2015.com/2015/10/02/release-of-the-okanagan-charter/>

The committee agreed that they would like to hear her presentation for 10 mins, followed by a 5 mins Q&A. James will inform her.

James

Presentation on the pros and cons of electric hand dryers vs. paper towel dispensers in TRU washrooms. James reported that Charles Hays (faculty) approached Jim about his issues regarding the newly installed electric hand-dryers in TRU washrooms; he has research which speaks to why they should be removed. Bottom line is that he would like to see many, if not all of them, removed and replaced with the paper towel dispensers. The Sustainability Office will compile research on the pros and cons on this issue, and both parties will present their research for the ESAC to decide what should be done. Is it ok for these presentations to happen at the June meeting?

The committee agreed that they would like to hear the presentation for 10 mins, followed by a 5 mins Q&A. James will inform him.

James

CORRESPONDENCE None.

NEXT MEETING Due to the fact neither the Chair nor Vice-Chair can be present for the scheduled June 1 meeting, it was agreed that James will email a Doodle poll right away to all ESAC members to solicit opinions on an alternate date; the time and location will remain unchanged (12:20 to 2 pm in the TRUSU Boardroom).

James

ADJOURNMENT 1:20 PM.

Signature of Chairperson, Chair

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