



Meeting Notes of the ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 9, 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
ATTENDANCE - Quorum was not met and so these are not official Minutes but only.	Present: Scott Blackford (Vice Chair); Haley Feller; Karl Fultz (Chair); Jim Gudjonson; Courtney Mason; Tina Matthew; Dipesh Prima; Caitlin Quist	
Participating by Teleconference:		
Absent: Warren Asuchak; Bala Nikku; Nicole Schabus		
Regrets: Wilson Bell; Tom Dickenson; Michael Mehta; Meherul Mizu; Jessica Papineau; Glenn Read; Peter Tsigaris		
Admin Support.: James Gordon; Melina Smith; Aaron Wiebe; Natalie Yao		
Guests:		
Others:		
Vacancies: 1x faculty member		
CALL TO ORDER & WELCOMES	<i>The meeting, being duly constituted for the conduct of business, was called to order at 12:10 pm by the Chair, Karl Fultz.</i>	
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	<i>On motion duly made it was RESOLVED to approve the agenda as distributed with the revision of removing 5.b.ii ("Tina to report on any programs that could be implemented regarding more trees on campus"), and James will discuss with Scott the implications of Tom now having two roles within the ESAC (Dean's representative and JOHS representative)</i>	
ADOPTION OF MINUTES	<i>Minutes of December 5, 2018 were accepted with the caveat that there is no action item for Tina re her comment: Tina wondered if there was a program that could be implemented regarding more trees on campus. This was just part of the discussion and no further action was required.</i>	
PRESENTATIONS	4.a. Tabled until March meeting - Tim Reeve from Reeve Consulting re TRU Sustainability Procurement initiative (3rd presentation). Feedback	

is needed from Eric Vandermeulen on the December presentation. **Eric**

4.b. James Gordon and Aaron Wiebe on the 'nuggets' they learned about at AASHE conference in October. James spoke briefly on four:

- a. *Lime* – e-scooters, e-bikes and regular bikes
- b. Certification for the International Society of Sustainability Professionals (ISSP)
- c. Closing Keynote - Dr. Paul Shrivastava, Chief Sustainability Officer at Penn State University: October as Sustainability Month; More Living Labs; Sustainability is an appeal to Head, Heart and Hands.
- d. Study about 'Sustainability in the C-Suite' (in the highest administration levels of an institution)

Aaron spoke briefly on two:

- e. Breaking Free from Plastics
- f. Green Labs--Green Chemistry.

During Aaron's discussion, Tina raised 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. **Jim**

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 on order. These will be added to the current 6.

5.b. Regarding the project presentation at the December meeting by Meherul, 'Greenspace to enhance positivity':

- i. 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**
- ii. Tina mentioned there is an initiative afoot to have interpretive plaques erected around campus explaining how First Nations people traditionally used certain plants.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

**DIRECTOR'S
REPORT**

6.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. Scott reported that the email with the nomination information needs to go out this or next week. He and James will work together to facilitate this. Award presentation will take place in early March during IDays. Committee members also include Peter, Courtney, Jim and Karl.

Scott/James

6.c. Zero Waste sub-committee. Comments included the need for more information at International Students Orientation, and the need for better visual displays (pull-up banners and/or videos on tv closed-circuit monitors. Haley mentioned she will have a proposal ready in a few weeks. Members include James, Jessica, Haley, Karl and Tom.

Jim presented on:

- 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. Karl will submit his recent ESAC report to Senate and the Zero-Waste poster he did for a recent conference.
- 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. Jim would love to see a 'bus-load' of TRU representatives.
- UN conference in Chile early November.
- Transportation: ZipCar numbers increased from 20 to 200 members since 2016; looking into expanding ZipCar network
- Biomass presentation at February 6 meeting and all ESAC members should come prepared to make a decision on the future of using biomass at TRU. Members from UNBC will present,

**All ESAC members
Karl**

followed by a discussion. TRU would like to electrify all buildings but this is not necessarily possible. Biomass facility is an option in conjunction with electrification, and doing so makes sense in the long run. Jim feels eventually it will be implemented.

NEW BUSINESS

CORRESPONDENCE None

NEXT MEETING None

ADJOURNMENT February 6, 2019. 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm. TRUSU Boardroom

1:30 PM.

Signature of Chairperson, Chair

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