

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 4, 2015

Minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee held in the Independent Centre Boardroom,
Thompson Rivers University, Kamloops, B.C., commencing at 12:30 PM.

HEADING	ITEM / DISCUSSION	ACTION
ATTENDANCE		
Present:	Scott Blackford (designate from TRU office of Legal Counsel); Tom Dickinson; Jim Gudjonson; Crystal Huscroft; Hoberly Hove; Susan Purdy; Wayne Singular (Chair); Robert Wisla	
Participating by Teleconference:	None	
Regrets:	Warren Asuchak; Emma Bourassa; Dale Parkes; Glenn Read; Marjorie Serack; Peter Tsigaris	
Guests:	Alex McClellan (TRUSU, Research Coordinator)	
Others:	James Gordon (note-taker; TRU Sustainability Office (TRUSO)); Natalie Yao (TRUSO)	
Note re Quorum	Due to there being 3 vacancies (15 voting members instead of the full roster of 18), quorum will be 50% of current members, which is 8.	
CALL TO ORDER & WELCOMES	<i>The meeting, being duly constituted for the conduct of business, was called to order at 12:45 pm by the Chair.</i>	
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	<i>On motion duly made by Robert, seconded by Scott, and approved by all other members it was RESOLVED to approve the agenda as distributed, except that item 7a. (Elections of EAC executive) was moved to the top of the Agenda.</i>	
ADOPTION OF MINUTES	Minutes of October 7, 2015 <i>On motion duly made by Crystal, seconded by Robert, and approved by all other members it was RESOLVED to approve the Minutes as distributed.</i>	
PRESENTATIONS	None.	
BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES	<u>Elections of EAC executive (Chair and Vice-Chair).</u> On motion duly made by Susan, seconded by Tom, and approved by all other members it was RESOLVED to approve Wayne as the Chair of the EAC for a one year term. A Vice-Chair is still needed.	

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**On work of sub-committee looking at issues to do with
 entrenching and infusing sustainability into TRU curriculum**

Susan reported that the current TRU rules stipulate that Minors can only be offered if there is an existing Major in the same subject (this historical precedent was set when TRU was ‘sponsored’ by a larger institution). Tom said he would facilitate a meeting with members from SoBE, Arts, and Sciences to discuss how to move these issues forward. As an appendix to these Minutes, James will include the ‘nuggets’ on this subject that he learned about at a recent conference (the most relevant being the idea of bringing in an expert on the subject of kick-starting the process of entrenching and infusing sustainability into curriculum, as they did successfully at the U of Sask.)

Tom
 James

**Possibility of changing scope and name of EAC to the TRU
 Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC) (working title)**

On motion duly made by Susan, seconded by Crystal, and approved by all other members it was RESOLVED to approve Jim sending a contingent to the Senate Sub-Committee to discuss this. Both Terms of Reference documents will be used to illustrate the differences (existing EAC and proposed SAC).

Jim

Using a new Moodle Site

Regarding voting on an issue by email, Scott reported that if three members oppose voting this way, that the vote has to be done in person. Phone-in voting may be permissible. Wayne will look into whether Sharepoint may work as a platform to store documents on.

Wayne

Vision for EAC (this semester up to 5 years in the future)

New and existing members will be asked by James to continue sending in their feedback on this issue, and it will be revisited at the January meeting. As a reference document, which can be used to facilitate this process, James will also email all members the TRU Strategic Sustainability Plan (2014-2019).

James

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<p>REPORT OF COMMITTEES</p> <p>DIRECTOR'S REPORT</p>	<p>None.</p> <p>Jim Gudjonson reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuous Optimization Program (in conjunction with BC Hydro). Energy dashboard lets us track pay-back on projects, which are often 2 years or less. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LED light bulbs in HOL done; OM and Williams Lake starting soon. • Campus parking and street lights being switched to LED bulbs within 2 months. • High-efficiency boiler upgrade finished in Sciences; two in OM happening next. • Williams Lake campus 'district energy system' moving ahead (wood pellet boiler heating). Partners include the local school district. The system will provide a 20% operational savings, and a 90% reduction in GHG emissions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A similar system will be installed with the new Trades building, which will also heat the TCC, AHT, the existing Trades building, and the Warehouse. • A test wind turbine tower will be installed on the hill behind Trades to gather data about wind dynamics. • The Sustainability Office is heading up an initiative that would see TRU purchase a hybrid or electric car for use by any TRU staff member doing regional travel (which equals roughly 400,000kms /yr). There would be considerable emission savings and long-term cost savings compared to the current system of TRU staff using their own vehicles and then being reimbursed for the kms they travel (which costs TRU around \$200,000 per year). Plus, Trades is interested in this initiative since they could use the vehicle(s) for their students to complete maintenance on, as part of their training (this would become a new course offering). 	
<p>NEW BUSINESS</p>	<p><u>Discussion re TRU joining Canadian Universities Environmental Network.</u> Susan brought forward this idea but no vote was taken on it since more information about the issue was requested. She will provide this for the next meeting.</p>	<p>Susan</p>
<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p>	<p>None.</p>	

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NEXT MEETING December 2, 2015. 12:30-2 in the TRUSU Boardroom..

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM.

Signature of Chairperson, Chair

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

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