



## ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

December 14, 2021

Minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee, held via MS Teams, at Thompson Rivers University, Kamloops, B.C.

HEADING	ITEM / DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>Present:</b>	Christine Miller, (Chair), Alana Hoare, Dillon Alexandre, James Gordon, Jessica Papineau, Lillian Kwan, Meng Sun, Petar Hrkac, Scott Blackford.	
<b>Regrets:</b>	Carolyn Ives, Christine Adam, Dipesh Prema, Gabriela Rivera, Jana Noskova, Michael Mehta, Natalie Yao, Tina Matthew, Thamindu Widyarante, Warren Asuchak,	
<b>Guest:</b>	Shelley Church	
<b>Recording Secretary:</b>	Lora Sartori	
<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	Christine Miller in the Chair. The meeting, being duly constituted for the conduct of business, the Chair called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.	
<b>WELCOME &amp; Territorial Acknowledgement</b>	Round of Introductions of all Members in attendance.  Christine gave an overview of the purpose and structure of ESAC. The purpose is to provide evidence based advice with regard to environmental and sustainability policies and practices that foster a sustainable future and lead to health and economic benefits for the University community. There are 6 subcommittees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Core Theme Planning</li><li>• Zero-Waste</li><li>• Sustainable Purchasing</li><li>• Awards</li><li>• Biodiversity</li><li>• Sustainability Education in the Curriculum</li></ul>	
<b>ADOPTION OF AGENDA</b>	On MOTION duly made it was RESOLVED to approve the December 14, 2021 Agenda as distributed.	

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ADOPTION OF MINUTES	On MOTION duly made it was RESOLVED to adopt the November 2, 2021 Minutes as distributed.	
PRESENTATIONS	None	
BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES	<p>a. <b>Re: Climate Emergency Letter.</b>  <a href="https://www.sdgaccord.org/climateletter">https://www.sdgaccord.org/climateletter</a>.</p> <p>i. Update regarding interest from TRUSU. Christine has not heard back from TRUSU regarding the letter.</p> <p><b>Action Item:</b> Christine will send an email to Thamindu regarding any interest from TRUSU.</p>	Christine Miller
REPORTS OF COMMITTEES	<p>a. <b>TRU Sustainability Education in the Curriculum Sub-Committee</b> – Report by Christine Miller          The Committee is doing Course Sustainability Worksheets. This will take a few more months to complete.</p> <p>b. <b>Awards Sub-Committee</b> – Report by James Gordon          Michael Mehta is stepping down from the Awards sub-committee so the Committee will need a new Chair.</p> <p>If anyone is interested in joining the awards committee, please email James Gordon. There is a very good template to assist the Chair. Scott will help with on-boarding the new member.</p> <p><b>Action Item:</b> James will send out the TOR for the Awards subcommittee to the ESAC.</p> <p>c. <b>ESAC Zero Waste Sub-Committee</b> – Report by James Gordon          2 people from Marcom will try a Pilot Project for Paper Towel Compost Program.</p> <p>Discussed the Project to remove garbage cans from the office – make people use the Zero-Waste Stations.</p> <p>Hired a consultant to do sessions for TRU Zero Waste Plan.</p>	James Gordon

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Good uptake for the McGill Compost Pilot Project – 2/3 uptake.

Still looking for soup spoons for the Reusable Cutlery Program.

If anyone wants to lead a pen/marker recycling program, let James know.

**d. ESAC Sustainable Purchasing Sub-Committee.**

Report by James Gordon, Chair.

General discussion regarding Indigenous Purchasing Framework. Meeting with the Victoria Harbour Authority, City of Thunder Bay and Reeves Consulting is now set for January 13, 2022.

Taking steps to put people in charge of the 7 sections of the Stars Report.

Now have 10 Sustainable Purchasing Fact Sheets produced by Reeve Consulting to help with sustainable purchasing. Alana mentioned it would be good to embed these Fact Sheets with other key documents.

**e. ESAC Core Theme Planning Committee – Report by Alana Hoare**

**Alana Shared the link:**

[Core Theme Sustainability, Thompson Rivers University \(tru.ca\)](https://tru.ca)

Alana discussed the website and encouraged members to review the information contained in it.

Subcommittee discussions align with the Stars Report. Looking at 2 indicators in particular: bird strike – biodiversity and to have all TRU departments attend Sustainable Purchasing Workshops.

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<p><b>Action Item:</b> Members of ESAC to review the Annual Core Theme Mission Fulfilment Evaluation and Planning Work Book here: <a href="#"><u>2021ESAC53931.pdf (tru.ca)</u></a> and identify any gaps in the goals we have.</p>	<p>ESAC Committee</p>
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<p><b>Action Item:</b> Put Goals for Mission Fulfillment on the January Agenda.</p>	<p>Lora Sartori</p>
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Timeline:  
 Collect data in March/April.  
 Bring to ESAC to look at the data.  
 Subcommittee creates a Work Book.  
 Bring back to the Committee in May.  
 Work Book due in June.

**f. ESAC Biodiversity Sub-Committee – Report by Christine Miller**

1<sup>st</sup> meeting on November 30, Christine, James, Meng.

Discussed January plans: TOR, recruiting, bird strike film.

Will be doing a survey in the new year.

If anyone wants to join, email Christine.

FYI, printshop will help with producing hawk silhouette PDFs.

<b>DIRECTOR’S REPORT</b>	<p><b>Report by Dillon Alexandre, AVP of Campus Infrastructure, Sustainability and Ancillary Services</b>                  Low Carbon District Energy System. Will be combining buildings on campus with underground piping for heating.</p>
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Phase 1 includes OM, Science, OLARA – 8 or 9 buildings will eliminate 90% of TRU’s greenhouse gases.

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The new building will go beside the generator building by Convocation Wall by OM. The building will be front and centre making sustainability front and centre.

Timelines: Start construction of building in Spring, 2022.  
 Construction to be completed by September, 2022.

Existing buildings will be retrofitted.

Substantially cheaper to do the Low Carbon District Energy System than to electrify all buildings.

Natalie Yao, Energy Specialist has applied to Hydro for a 1 Mega Watt of Power.

TRU has partnered with the City of Kamloops to promote their Community Climate Action Plan – 8 big moves. Panels hanging in OM with information.

Competition for students to design solar picnic tables. 1<sup>st</sup> table will be installed at the trades building – electrical, carpentry and welding will be involved.

New bike cages to go in the Nursing Building, expanding in BCCOL and outdoor bike shelter across from the day care.

Tree Program will start up again in the Spring, 2022.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**a. New Board Appointment Members at Large**

Extend a Welcome and Thank you to our new members and outgoing members.

Peter Tsigaris and Nicole Schabus’ terms have ended.

Thank you to Lillian Kwan for joining us.

Thank you to Tina Matthew to help the Committee have indigenous representation. Elder Mike Arnouse has been appointed by the Board.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

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<b>NEXT MEETING ADJOURNMENT</b>	TBD Meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.	