



ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 1, 2023

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

HEADING	ITEM / DISCUSSION	ACTION
Present (voting):	Brad Harasymchuk (Chair), Catherine Tatarniuk, James Gordon, Jessica Papineau (Delegate for Robyn Hollas), John Church, Kai Bauman, Maria Buff (Delegate for Warren Asuchak), Meng Sun, Scott Blackford, Shelley Church, Steven Farrell, Yash Kaushik	
Present (non-voting):	Anna Rogers, Natalie Yao, Sierra Rae, Sofia Rueda	
Guests:	Josh Caplan, Shannon Hardman, Tiana Aguiluz	
Regrets (voting):	Christine Adam, Dipesh Prema, Elder Mike Arnouse, Lillian Kwan, Warren Asuchak, Tarneet Kaur, Tina Matthew	
Regrets (non-voting):	Alana Hoare, Chantal Sullivan, Crystal Huscroft	
Recording Secretary:	Lora Sartori	
CALL TO ORDER	Brad Harasymchuk in the Chair. The meeting, being duly constituted for the conduct of business, started at 12:03 p.m.	
WELCOME & Territorial Acknowledgement	Brad conducted the Territorial Acknowledgement.	
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	<p>The March 1, 2023 Agenda was adopted with one change:</p> <p>Maria Buff’s Infrastructure Report to be moved after the Prism Engineering presentation.</p> <p>Agenda adopted with the one change.</p>	
ADOPTION OF MINUTES	<p>The January 4, 2023 Minutes were adopted as presented.</p> <p>1 Abstention – Stephen Farrell (not present at meeting).</p>	

PRESENTATIONS

- a. **Update on Progress Towards ISO 50001 (Energy Management Systems) implementation at TRU – Josh Caplan and Shannon Hardman from Prism Engineering**



2023-02-23 TRU
ESAC - ISO 50001 v3|

Scott re: Policy: “Enculturalization” of an Energy Policy and this Committee will be key. Will need an internal auditing process.

Bring forward all projects – big or little to the Sustainability office.

Awareness is a great piece of information. An auditor should be able to ask anyone on TRU campus: are you aware of the Environmental Policy? Are you aware of Certification?

CAMPUS INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT

Report by Maria Buff, Director of Capital Projects

New Student House at 620 Dalglish

On schedule, craning will be starting for the modules over the next week and a half. This project was pushed forward very quickly. Was not able to implement all that the Sustainability Office is trying to implement ie: zero-waste, recycling etc.

New Projects

Spring 2024 will hopefully be when we can start having large capital projects again.

Low Carbon District Energy Building

Will be adding the Sustainability Office to this building.
Currently working with the architect and engineers.

Will be working with the Accessibility people to make our
campus more accessible and bring it up to code.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES a. **Discuss TRU's Participation in SDG Week (March 6 – 10, 2023) – James Gordon**

SDG Week is part of a National Event. TRU is one of many
universities and colleges participating.

Will be adding an SDG photobooth from 12 – 3pm in the CAC
on Monday, March 6. Take your picture, make a pledge, have
a cookie.

March 7 – Green Drinks at the Den.

March 8 – the movie MOTHERLOAD in the Clock Tower
Theatre.

March 9 – SDGs and Global Super Snacks. Will be Free.
Members of the Kamloops Community are welcome.

March 10 – TRU Clothing Swap and Repair at the
Makerspace.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

a. TRU Sustainability Education in the Curriculum Sub-Committee – Crystal Huscroft

No Report

b. Awards Sub-Committee – Report by Chris Adam and Brad Harasymchuk

[Awards: Environmental Sustainability Advisory
Committee: Thompson Rivers University \(tru.ca\)](#)

Cut off date is March 20, 2023. Please help get the word
out. Currently only 1 applicant.

Please reach out to Brad or Chris Adam.

c. ESAC Zero Waste Sub-Committee – Anna Rogers

1. Waste Consultant is still in negotiations.
2. 50/50 position – applicants got other positions.
Hope to report some news at the next meeting.
3. Working with the RA to pilot a move out program this year. Goals to divert waste and reuse products.
4. Working with Makerspace to recycle 3D printing plastics. If you have 3D printers, let Anna know.
5. Waste Compound at East Village – City approved another section for recycling – still thinking what we can use this space for maybe a larger scale recycling centre.

Mystery hazardous waste what to do with it?
Hazardous Waste on campus?

Steve will look into a HazMat Report. Reach out to OSEM and they can help.

Also there is the Kamloops Waste Wise App with a lot of helpful information. Check out the “Wizard” on the app to search for products and how to dispose of them.

d. ESAC Sustainable Purchasing Sub-Committee.
Report by James Gordon, Chair.

Met on February 14.

Looking into hiring a consultant to develop a sustainable purchasing policy. Have had guidelines for 6 – 7 years. Does tie in with our TRU Environmental Policy but will live separate from that.

Plan more Workshops – but be more targeted with who should attend.

Joined the BCSPI – being better sustainable purchasers.

Trying to give Kerri Fitter from the Bookstore tools to buy better sustainable swag.

- e. **ESAC Core Theme Planning Committee** – Alana Hoare

No Report.

- f. **ESAC Biodiversity Sub-Committee – Report by Shelley Church**

James, Shelley, Catherine and Meng met.

Start with the idea of a biodiversity audit. A lot of opportunity to involve the students with research projects.

James and Shelley will meet to do up the TOR.

Bird Strike Film info from Garry Feary – don't install in the cold months. HOL West, CAC common area and OM south side lower areas will be done next.

Will have a meeting with Tom Dickinson, ornithologist – get next steps from Tom.

Action Item: James to invite Shelley to the meeting with Tom.

**MANAGER OF
SUSTAINABILITY
PROGRAMS
REPORT**

Report by James Gordon, Manager of Sustainability Programs

SDG Week is coming up.

Solar Table Applications – 10.

Seat Heater Defeater program – deadline – 122 people did the survey. 76 had a space heater. We have 50 seat heaters to give out. Use way less energy than a space heater. Hopefully reduce the number of calls facilities gets about heat.

Sustainable Grant Fund review committee meets tomorrow.

Faculty and student grants open to the end of March.

Check out [ImPact Climate Challenge](#).

Got funding for 137 species of trees on campus and develop and App. Scan the QR code and look up the tree.

April 21 is our first tree planting event of 2023.

ENERGY PROJECTS REPORT

Report by Natalie Yao, Energy Specialist

ISO50001 moving forward.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Request to Revise Terms of Reference for Mission Fulfilment Reporting – Brad Harasymchuk



Request to Revise
Committee ToRs Jan

Brad asked to move to next meeting.

b. Update to the ESAC Terms of Reference – Brad Harasymchuk

Brad asked to move to next meeting.

c. Discussion around adopting Student Co-Chair Framework – Brad Harasymchuk



Student Co-Chair
Guidelines Overview



1A-UA-A-P-SCC-Stu
dent CoChair Frame

Discussion:

Scott – getting vice chairs is sometimes a struggle. Having student committee members do the vice-chair role would be helpful. Anything we can do to support this I would get behind. Scott supports student co-chairs.

This is a co-chair responsibility.

Often a vice-chair will become the chair in the future.

James is the Chair of the Sustainability Purchasing Committee – would be happy to have a student co-chair.

Brad would be happy to put his name forward to be chair of this committee next year and have a student co-chair with him.

Action Item: Brad will reach out to Chris Adam or Sarah Wolfe regarding changing Terms of Reference and generally more information on this topic.

d. TRU Environmental Policy Feedback – Brad, Scott, James



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We have an environmental policy and given ISO 50001, James will draft something with Natalie and ask for feedback from the committee. To have some specific language about energy would be useful.

Action Item: James and Natalie will draft up a document to include energy regarding ISO50001 and the TRU Environmental Policy.

Not looking at sweeping changes but this is a good time to look at to make changes

CORRESPONDENCE None

NEXT MEETING April 5, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 1:24 p.m.