



ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 3, 2024

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), Poonam Poonam (Student Co-Chair), Catherine Tatarniuk, Baldev Pooni, Heather MacLeod, James Gordon, Pete Arkesteyn, Scott Blackford, Vernie Clement, Robyn Hollas, Shelley Church,	
Present (non-voting):	Aaron Wiebe, Anna Rogers, Natalie Yao, Spencer Nevacshonoff	
Guests:	Nil	
Regrets (voting):	Bridget Chandakasirira, Elder Mike Arnouse, John Church, Kai Bauman, Maria Buff, Pete Hrkac, Warren Asuchak	
Regrets (non-voting):	Carolyn Ives, Sierra Rae,	
Recording Secretary:	Lora Sartori	
CALL TO ORDER	Brad Harasymchuk in the Chair. The meeting, being duly constituted for the conduct of business, started at 12:06 p.m.	
WELCOME & Territorial Acknowledgement	Brad conducted the Territorial Acknowledgement.	
ADOPTION OF AGENDA & MINUTES	<p>The April 3, 2024 Agenda was unanimously adopted as presented Shelley Church mover/Scott Blackford 2nd).</p> <p>No abstentions.</p> <p>The March 6, 2024 Minutes were adopted as presented (James Gordon mover/ Heather McLeod 2nd).</p> <p>Robyn Hollas abstention.</p>	

MOTIONS

a. **None**

PRESENTATIONS

a. **None**

**BUSINESS ARISING
FROM MINUTES**

a. **None**

NEW BUSINESS:

a. **Chair Succession Planning – Brad Harasymchuk**

Brad's term is up May, 2024 and he will chair his last meeting on May 1, 2024. After that meeting, he will be stepping down from the Committee. Will need an acting chair for June, 2024.

ESAC will vote in a new chair for September, 2024.

Shelley posted: Voting members of the Committee, nominated by the committee and elected at the first meeting of the academic year, to serve a one year term.

Chair must be a voting member of the Committee.

Next meeting a call will be going out for a new Chair.

Discussed what the Chair role entails, including mission fulfillment and writing a report to Senate (October/November yearly) and the Board.

Scott Blackford and James Gordon are happy to help support the new Chair.

b. **Student Co-Chair Model – Brad and Poonam**



ESAC Co-Chair
Model.pdf

Brad thanked Poonam for being the Student Co-Chair. Important to have a student voice at this meeting.

Will need to put forward a motion for the student co-chair model in May/June/September for the new students coming in October, 2024.

Poonam chaired the “Reports of Committee” Meeting.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

a. Awards Sub-Committee – Report by Brad Harasymchuk

- Had to extend the awards deadline for students.
Able to fill all the awards:
- Tom Owen Environmental Sustainability Award – Tatiana Mueller
- Herbinlay Happy Planet Award – Danielle Lafleur
- Environmental Sustainability Achievement Award Awards – Heidi Wisemath & Parth Bavishi
- Environmental Sustainability Staff & Faculty – Crystal Huscroft
- Would like to differentiate the awards in the future but not make the awards too narrow.
- Incredibly strong group of candidates this year.
- Will highlight Self Nomination in the future.
- Many awards across campus struggle to get nominations, not just ESAC.

Motion: To approve the following nominations for the Tom Owen, Herbinlay and Environmental Achievement Awards:

- **Tom Owen Environmental Sustainability Award – Tatiana Mueller**
- **Herbinlay Happy Planet Award – Danielle Lafleur**
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- **Environmental Sustainability Staff & Faculty – Crystal Huscroft**

Scott Blackford mover/Baldev Pooni 2nd. The motion was unanimously approved.

b. ESAC Zero Waste Sub-Committee – Anna Rogers

- Zero-Waste Sub-Committee met on March 26, 2024.
- Discussion of Waste Management diversion graph (Jan – Feb, 2024). TRU is at 61% diversion.
- Discussion of campus catering using reusables.
- TRU will be using the same tool that the City of Kamloops is using for their Waste Wizard.
- Residence moveout expanded – April 7 – 21. Collecting items and future student residence allowed to come and pick-up items.
- TRU Asset Swap.
- Trash Bash May 16, partnering to also cleanup the Summit Corridor.
- Book recycling - will roll out to the public collection next week.

c. ESAC Sustainable Purchasing Sub-Committee.

Report by James Gordon, Chair.

- Sustainable Purchasing Sub-Committee did not meet.
- The next meeting is schedule for April 11, 2024.

d. ESAC Core Theme Planning Committee – Brad Harasymchuk or James Gordon

- James and Brad need to report by June 14, 2024.
- Potentially present to ESAC at the June meeting.

e. ESAC Biodiversity Sub-Committee – Report by Shelley Church

- Biodiversity Meeting was March 21, 2024.
- Bird Survey with Tom Dickinson is May 23 8 – 12 – Horticulture Gardens.
- BioBlitz potential dates May 22 – 24 for a couple of hours per day.
- Tree Planting May 9 Parking Lot A3 north of Old Main.

f. TRU Sustainability Education in the Curriculum Sub-Committee – Carolyn Ives

- This subcommittee is on hold.
- No Report

MANAGER OF SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAMS REPORT

Report by James Gordon, Manager of Sustainability Programs

- April 17 – Films for Change screening of “2040”
- April 18 – Tree Mulching Event, Lot A3
- April 18 - Residence Move-Out Free Stuff
- April 20 – 48th Annual Rally for Peace, Social Justice & the Environment
- April 21 – Riverside Park Clean-up
- April 22 – Earth Day – Earth, Pots, Seeds, Advice on Student Street
- May 9 – Tree Planting Event
- May 16 – Trash Bash
- May 23 – Bird Field School
- May 29 – Films for Change screening of “Push”
- June 2 – 9 - Go By Bike Week and Commuter Challenge
- Winner of Solar Table Challenge goes to Nolan Galler - \$650 cash prize
- BiKeep in front of Old Main – Free until June and then pay to use - \$1/3 hours or \$8/month

Action Item: James will send out two reports from the BC Climate Leadership Symposium from October, 2023 and Commuting and Campuses Sustainable Commuting Report by Urban Systems

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ENERGY PROJECTS REPORT

Report by Natalie Yao, Energy Manager

- Received incentive from BC Hydro for over \$300K for solar PV system on Campus. With support from Warren and Matt, a ½ mega watt system will be installed on the CAC, ITTC, & AE for campus. Hope to be done by the end of the year.

CAMPUS INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT

Report by Maria Buff, Director of Capital Projects

No Report

CORRESPONDENCE None

OTHER The Environmental Policy went to the Board and has provisional approval.

NEXT MEETING May 1, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT Motion to adjourn:
Meeting adjourned at 1:31 p.m.