



## ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 5, 2024

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

HEADING	ITEM / DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>Present (voting):</b>	Catherine Tatarniuk (Chair), Poonam Poonam (Student Co-Chair), Baldev Pooni, Heather MacLeod, Kai Bauman, Pete Arkesteyn, Scott Blackford, Robyn Hollas, Shelley Church, James Gordon, John Church	
<b>Present (non-voting):</b>	Aaron Wiebe, Anna Rogers, Natalie Yao	
<b>Guests:</b>	Nil	
<b>Regrets (voting):</b>	Bridget Chandakasarira, Elder Mike Arnouse, James Gordon, Maria Buff, Pete Hrkac, Vernie Clement, Warren Asuchak	
<b>Regrets (non-voting):</b>	Carolyn Ives, Sierra Rae.	
<b>Recording Secretary:</b>	Lora Sartori	
<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	Catherine Tatarniuk in the Chair. The meeting, being duly constituted for the conduct of business, started at 12:02 p.m.	
<b>WELCOME &amp; Territorial Acknowledgement</b>	Catherine conducted the Territorial Acknowledgement.	
<b>ADOPTION OF AGENDA &amp; MINUTES</b>	The June 5, 2024 Agenda was unanimously adopted as presented (James Gordon mover/Kai Bauman 2 <sup>nd</sup> ).  The April 3, 2024 Minutes were adopted as presented (Kai Bauman mover/ Scott Blackford 2 <sup>nd</sup> ).	
<b>MOTIONS</b>	a. <b>None</b>	
<b>PRESENTATIONS</b>	a. <b>None</b>	

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

a. None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

a. **Call for Nominations for the Chair of the ESAC for September, 2024 – September, 2025 – Catherine Tatarniuk**

Catherine will put her name forward for the Chair position in September, 2024.

b. **Need to do a Doodle Poll for September, 2024**

- Do a doodle poll for 2024 – 2024 season.
- Do two Doodle Polls – 1 for September and one for the remainder of the meetings.
- Maybe make the meeting shorter – 1 hour?
- Not the first week of September.
- Not the first Wednesday of the month.
- Ask what week in the month will work?
- Load the beginning of the Agenda with action items and business and put presentations and unofficial business at the end.

**Action Item:** Lora will do a Doodle Poll for the September meeting.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

a. **Awards Sub-Committee – Report by James Gordon**

- James thanked Brad, Scott and Anna who sit on this Committee.
- Gave out 5 awards:
  - Crystal Huscroft- Environmental Sustainability Achievement Award for Faculty and Staff
  - Parth Bavishi – Environmental Sustainability Achievement Award for Students

- Heidi Wismath– Environmental Sustainability Achievement Award for Students
  - Tatania Mueller – Tom Owen Sustainability Award
  - Dani LaFleur – Herbinlay Happy Planet Award
- Discussion regarding splitting the Environmental Sustainability Achievement Award for Faculty and Staff award – come up with a staff facing award and a faculty award and give out at the President’s Award Ceremony. James has brought this up with Matt Milovick who will talk with the President. James will report back when he hears from Matt.
  - Make this awards lunch an open invitation to the ESAC Committee.

**b. ESAC Zero Waste Sub-Committee – Report by Anna Rogers, Chair**

- Residence moveout for West Gate, McGill, Coyote Den, East Village and North Tower was coordinated by Brandon Jodoin. On April 18, everything was opened up to the students and items were available for free. All leftovers were donated to diabetes Canada.
- Trash Bash happened on May 18<sup>th</sup>. 80 people took part – 139.5 kg of garbage and 119.4 kg of recycling for a total of 258.9 kg of trash bashed. There was residence cleanup and Summit corridor cleanup as well as TRU Campus.
- May look at a fall clean-up and engage with the student community for this event.
- TRU won the 2024 Environmental Award in the Public Sector category by the Recycling Council of BC.

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

Report by James Gordon, Chair.

- No Report

**d. ESAC Core Theme Planning Committee – Report by James Gordon**  
**i. Core Theme Planning for 2024 – 2025**



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Catherine and James highlighted the attached update.

**Sustainability Core Theme Priorities:**

- Plan for Carbon Neutral and Net Zero Campus
- Eliminate Single-Use Plastics and Other Single-Use Items
- Integrate Sustainable Purchasing Throughout Campus Operations
- Conserve Potable Water
- Advance Sustainability Performance of Campus Built Environment
- Champion Sustainability Beyond Campus for Global Impact
  
- Core Theme Planning Committee members are:
  - Brad
  - James
  - Catherine will start
  
- Everybody is welcome to get involved. We will do a call out to all ESAC members in the Fall.

**ii. Workbook**

**James discussed the workbook.**

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

- Did not meet in May.
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- BioBlitz on June 26.
  
- Tom did the Campus Bird Walk. 24 people attended, double from last year. Did a basic inventory of the birds found around campus and looked for bird strikes on the windows.
- Nursing Building needs attention.

- Receive \$50,000 budget for the upcoming year for bird friendly film.
- Creating a bird strike document – “What you need to know”.
- Tom wants to do another Bird Walk to week of October 21<sup>st</sup>.

**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**

- GoByBike Week is this week. Three levels of involvement – TRU/Kamloops/Province.
- Had free bike tune-ups.
- French Breakfast will be on June 18 at 7:30 a.m.
- Films for Change screening of “PUSH” on May 29.
- Conservation of Potable Water – TRU needs to do a better job of water conservation. Been in touch with a company who guarantees that TRU will save 15% of water on campus by using a valve. Some institutions have seen up to a 30% savings.
- New secure bike locking system called BiKeep. Installed outside of OM.
- Will hire a consultant for the new 5 year Sustainability Campus Strategic Plan starting in 2026.

**ENERGY  
PROJECTS REPORT**

**Report by Natalie Yao, Energy Manager**

- Design phase of the Solar PV rooftop installation.
- Start the installation work in October hopefully installed before the Winter.
- Energy Management System according to the ISO 50001. Will see an announcement out soon about training.

**CAMPUS  
INFRASTRUCTURE  
REPORT**

**Report by Maria Buff, Director of Capital Projects**

James reported on the LCDES – Low Carbon District Energy System. Ground-breaking August/September, 2024. Will see a lot of digging trenches around campus.

The nets over the trees by convocation wall are to prevent birds from nesting in the trees so the trees can hopefully be relocated.

Signage for the LCDES construction. James will let Maria know.

**CORRESPONDENCE**      None

**OTHER  
NEXT MEETING**      September, 2024 at 12:00 p.m – do a Doodle Poll.

**ADJOURNMENT**      Motion to adjourn:  
Meeting adjourned at 12:56 p.m.