



## ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 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 (Vice-Chair), Baldev Pooni, Carmen Love, Hardeep Chahal, James Gordon, John Church, Kai Bauman, Natalie Yao, Poonam Poonam, Robyn Hollas, Sesathya Nanayakkara, Shelley Church	
<b>Present (non-voting):</b>		
<b>Guests:</b>	Brad Harasymchuk	
<b>Regrets (voting):</b>	Elder Mike Arnouse, Heather MacLeod, Pete Arkestyn, Ted Gottfriedson	
<b>Regrets (non-voting):</b>	Anna Rogers	
<b>Recording Secretary:</b>	Teams Recorder/Lora Regrets	
<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	James Gordon in the Chair. The meeting, being duly constituted for the conduct of business, started at 9:04 a.m.	
<b>WELCOME &amp; Territorial Acknowledgement</b>	James conducted the Territorial Acknowledgement.  James acknowledged Murry Sinclair and his passing.	
<b>ADOPTION OF AGENDA</b>	The November 5, 2024 Agenda was unanimously adopted as presented. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Motion moved by: John Church</li><li>- Seconder: Shelley Church</li><li>- Motion passed.</li></ul> The October 7, 2024 Minutes were adopted as presented. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Motion Moved by: Catherine Tatarniuk</li><li>- Seconder: Hardeep Chahal</li></ul>	

- Abstained: Shelley Church and Carmen Love
- Motion passed.

**PRESENTATIONS** a. **None**

**MOTIONS** **None**

**ESAC Chair and Vice-Chair Elections** a. **ESAC Chair and Vice-Chair Elections**

- Catherine Tatarniuk and Shelley Church put their names forward as Co-Chairs;

**Motion: To have Catherine Tatarniuk and Shelley Church as the 2024 – 2025 ESAC Co-Chairs?**

- Motion Moved by: Baldev Pooni
- Seconder: John Church
- Motion unanimously passed.

**Action Item: Put the Vice-Chair Election/Discussion on the Agenda for the December meeting.**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES** a. **None**

**NEW BUSINESS** a. **None**

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES** a. **Awards Sub-Committee** – James Gordon and Brad Harasymchuk

- Hoping to have everything in place for December for a January/February, 2025 roll out.
- Waiting to hear from the Awards Office for dates.

b. **Zero Waste Sub-Committee** – Anna Rogers

- Anna unable to make today's meeting.
- Very successful Fall Trash Bash on October 22, 2024 with TRUSU and the Sustainability Office.
- It was led by TRUSU.
- Approximately 25 students participated with a pizza lunch afterwards.

- The Spring Trash Bash will take place in May, 2025.
- Robyn advised they launched their Sustainable Catering Deliveries on campus for under 10 people for a fee of \$0.50. There is a Connect video to highlight this program.

**c. Sustainable Purchasing Sub-Committee – James Gordon**

- Met on October 21, 2024
- Two key members of the Purchasing Office and Committee left in the Summer, 2024.
- Michelle McKinnon and Carolina Quintero Rengifo will be joining our Committee.
- They are redoing the current TRU Purchasing Policy with Sustainability embedded into the Policy.
- Discussion of the Sustainability Questionnaire and maybe redo the questionnaire.

**Action Item:** Hardeep Chahal and Robyn Hollas would like to be part of the Sustainability Purchasing Sub-Committee.

**d. Core Theme Planning Sub-Committee – James Gordon and Brad Harasymchuk**

- No Report.
- Committee is on hold.

**e. ESAC Biodiversity Committee – James Gordon and Shelley Church**

- Have not met. Next meeting is November 21, 2024.
- Did a Bio Blitz event in September.
- Discussion of TRU getting behind the UN 30 x30 Plan – goal of conserving 30 of TRU land and water by 2030.

**Action Item:** UN 30 x 30 Plan on next Agenda.

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

- No Report.
- Put on hold for now.

**MANAGER OF  
SUSTAINABILITY  
PROGRAMS  
REPORT**

**Report by James Gordon, Manager of Sustainability Programs**

- James Gordon, Anna Rogers and Natalie Yao went to the AASHE Conference in Anaheim, CA.
- All three will report at the December meeting.
- Hired Prism Engineering to help create the next 5-year Campus Strategic Sustainability Plan.
- Engagement sessions will take place next semester.
- Report will be completed by the end of 2025. It will be the 2026 – 2030 Plan.
- Have started the next STARS Report for submission Fall 2026.
- Sustainability Office is partnering with Makerspace for another Repair Café on November 21 from 10:00 – 3:00 at the Makerspace in HOL. Highlighting outdoor gear or workwear repair and cold weather clothing swap.

**ENERGY  
PROJECTS REPORT**

**Report by Natalie Yao, Energy Manager**

- Received Honourable mention for the Energy Manager of the Year Award, the team consists of Matt Milovick, Warren Asuchak, Natalie Yao, James Gordon, Sofia Rueda, Gord Setka.
- Roof top solar PV project moving along. Riverside Energy Systems will be the installer of the solar system.
- Promoting the TRU Energy Management System. Link in the chat.

**CAMPUS  
INFRASTRUCTURE  
REPORT**

**Report by Carmen Love**

- Carmen Love is the Interim Director of Capital Projects. Formerly a Project Manager in IT. In the new role until April, 2025.
- Reinstated bi-weekly Campus Infrastructure meetings
- The IEC and LCDES projects are undergoing value engineering. Project have a value of over \$20M each.

- The new site sign at the IEC location should be erected in a week.
- The BCCOOL moves are delayed due to inclement weather in the states and supply chain issues.
- Welcome Centre planning is underway. Looking at having a large Welcome Centre in the Old Main building.
- There will be a phone shutdown in the CAC between December 26 – 28, 2024.
- Accessibility Projects that were in play. Working with Matt Milovick to try and get Federal and Provincial funding for those projects.
- Crystal and Rita are off to Arizona for a Tradeline Conference – trends in campus infrastructure and capital project planning.
- Co-partnered with BCLC, Sc.wenwen Economic Development Corp, City of Kamloops – Indigenous Vendor Showcase at BCLC on November 5, 2024.

**CORRESPONDENCE**      None

**NEXT MEETING**              TBD

**ADJOURNMENT**              Meeting adjourned at 9:57 am