



ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 6, 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), Bridget Chandakasarira, Catherine Tatarniuk, Baldev Pooni, Heather MacLeod, James Gordon, Pete Hrkac, Scott Blackford, Vernie Clement	
Present (non-voting):	Aaron Wiebe, Anna Rogers, Spencer Nevacshonoff	
Guests:	Nil	
Regrets (voting):	Elder Mike Arnouse, John Church, Kai Bauman, Maria Buff, Pete Arkesteyn, Robyn Hollas, Shelley Church, Warren Asuchak	
Regrets (non-voting):	Carolyn Ives, Sierra Rae, Natalie Yao	
Recording Secretary:	Lora Sartori	
CALL TO ORDER	Brad Harasymchuk in the Chair. The meeting, being duly constituted for the conduct of business, started at 12:14 p.m.	
WELCOME & Territorial Acknowledgement	Brad conducted the Territorial Acknowledgement. A round introductions took place.	
ADOPTION OF AGENDA & MINUTES	The March 6, 2024 Agenda was unanimously adopted as presented (James Gordon mover/Baldev Pooni 2 nd). No abstentions. The February 7, 2024 Minutes were unanimously adopted as presented (Heather McLeod mover/ James Gordon 2 nd). No abstentions.	

Scott clarified the February, 2024 Motion to write a letter to City of Kamloops and amended to send to Board and Senate.

MOTIONS

- a. **None**

PRESENTATIONS

- a. **None**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- a. **Discussion regarding Student Co-Chair Model – Brad Harasymchuk**



ESAC Co-Chair Model.pdf

- Brad discussed co-chairing with Poonam. She will Chair the “Reports of Committees” section of the Agenda.
- Timeline: Would be to have this ready to move forward in June.

Action Items: The Committee to review ESAC Co-Chair Model and if you have any comments, please forward to Brad and Poonam.

Poonam chaired the “Reports of Committee” Meeting.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- a. **Awards Sub-Committee – Report by Brad Harasymchuk**

- [ESAC Awards Link](#)
- Nominations closed and we received three nominations for staff/faculty award.
- No student nominations. Extend deadline to March 25, 2024. Please reach out to your colleagues and spread the word. Will be marketed again on CCTV, The Connect and Social Media.
- Students can self-nominate. Need to market to students so they are aware.

- Discussion regarding Award Committee Members and/or Sustainability Office staff members nominating.

b. ESAC Zero Waste Sub-Committee – Anna Rogers

- Zero-Waste Sub-Committee did not meet in February.
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- Next meeting is March 19, 2024

c. ESAC Sustainable Purchasing Sub-Committee.

Report by James Gordon, Chair.

- The last Sustainable Purchasing Sub-Committee meeting was on February 8, 2024.
- The Procurement Office has hired a consultant to write TRU Purchasing Policy with Sustainability embedded.
- Danalee Baker, formerly with T'kemplups business branch, is working to create an Indigenous Purchasing Framework.
- Current TRU Vendors are given a questionnaire regarding Sustainability.
- TRU Swap and Student Garage Sale. Will be two events. One during Student Residence Move Out and one for TRU Asset Swap for TRU owned items.
- TRU is a member of the [BCSPI](#). If you are interested in any workshops, etc. please reach out to Shannon Mazereeuw.
- Sustainability Office will be doing social procurement videos.

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

- Brad, James and Warren met on March 5. We will continue to report on the 6 Core Themes of the TRU 5-year Sustainability Plan.
- Discussed where Sustainability as whole fits into the Provost's area of responsibility. Two main "forces" on campus are the Sustainability Office and ESAC.

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

- Biodiversity Meeting was February 15, 2024.
- Bird Strike prevention program is going ahead. May 23, 2024 Bird Inventory with Tom Dickinson.
- Document being created regarding what to do when a Bird strikes your window.
- Creating an inventory of Biodiversity on campus.
- Use the iNaturalist App for a BioBlitz Event in May as a pilot project.
- Courtney Mason, James Gordon and Matt Milovick submitted an application to be a BEE Campus.

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

- This subcommittee will be on hold.
- They will revisit their TOR.

MANAGER OF SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAMS REPORT

Report by James Gordon, Manager of Sustainability Programs

- Discussion of retracting the Letter to the Board of Governors and Senate regarding the Overpass.

Motion: Initially the ESAC had motioned to send a letter to Board and Senate but upon reflection and new information the ESAC directs the ESAC chair to advise the Secretariat to the Senate and the Board that ESAC is suspending it's letter to

these bodies until such time as it is again deemed to be necessary. (James Gordon mover /Baldev Pooni Seconder)

In favour: 10
Opposed: 0
Abstained: 0

Motion Passed.

- SDG Week Canada in process.
- SDG & Global Super Snacks is sold out for March 7.
- Repair Café and Green drinks were both highly successful. Doubled attendees at the Green Drinks event.

**ENERGY
PROJECTS REPORT**

Report by Natalie Yao, Energy Manager

No Report.

**CAMPUS
INFRASTRUCTURE
REPORT**

Report by Maria Buff, Director of Capital Projects

No Report

NEW BUSINESS:

a. None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

NEXT MEETING

April 3, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn: Scott and Vernie

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:22 p.m.