



**ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

April 5, 2023

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>	Brad Harasymchuk (Chair), Catherine Tatarniuk, Christine Adam, James Gordon, John Church, Kai Bauman, Lillian Kwan, Meng Sun, Scott Blackford, Shelley Church, Steven Farrell	
<b>Present (non-voting):</b>	Anna Rogers, Natalie Yao, Alana Hoare, Chantal Sullivan, Crystal Huscroft	
<b>Guests:</b>	Faith Bateman, Manager CFBX (92.5)	
<b>Regrets (voting):</b>	Dipesh Prema, Jessica Papineau (Delegate for Robyn Hollas), Elder Mike Arnouse, Maria Buff, Warren Asuchak, Yash Kaushik, Tarneet Kaur, Tina Matthew	
<b>Regrets (non-voting):</b>	Sierra Rae, Sofia Rueda	
<b>Recording Secretary:</b>	Lora Sartori	
<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	Brad Harasymchuk in the Chair. The meeting, being duly constituted for the conduct of business, started at 12:05 p.m.	
<b>WELCOME &amp; Territorial Acknowledgement</b>	Brad conducted the Territorial Acknowledgement.	
<b>ADOPTION OF AGENDA</b>	The April 5, 2023 Agenda was adopted as presented.	
<b>ADOPTION OF MINUTES</b>	The March 1, 2023 Minutes were adopted as presented.  Chris Adam abstained. Lillian Kwan abstained.	

## PRESENTATIONS

a. **CFBX (92.5) Looking for Volunteers to Create Shows about Sustainability Topics – Faith Bateman, Manager**

Faith Discussed Programming Opportunities for Sustainability.



CFBX Intro  
Presentation.pptx

Contact Faith for a tour of the station and to discuss your sustainability programming needs.

## BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

a. **Discussion around adopting Student Co-Chair Framework Update – Brad Harasymchuk**



Student Co-Chair  
Guidelines Overview



1A-UA-A-P-SCC-Student CoChair Frame

Brad had a discussion with Sara Wolfe. Sara is very supportive of this model.

Sierra said they are willing to do up workshops to help the co-chair model.

Chris is now a co-chair and supports this model.

Scott supports student co-chairs. Need to do something in the TOR – perhaps wording that the chair at the time can make a decision if they are comfortable co-chairing with a student.

Shelley discussing the efficiency of the committee. The two co-chairs would have a “pre-meeting” to coordinate the Agenda.

We probably would not have a student co-chair until October or September of every year.

James would like to support this and have a student co-chair for the Sustainable Purchasing Meeting.

Chris posted: Student Success Committee has this wording: Co-Chairs: One committee member and one student representative elected by the Committee. It would bind us.

Crystal Huscroft: I see that a student Co-Chair would be very appropriate for the Education sub-committee. Operate with co-Chairs already.

Can we pilot the student co-chair?

Scott: Bring this item closer to October and do this as a pilot.

**Action Item: Keep on Agenda for June/September.**

**b. TRU Environmental Policy Feedback – James, Brad and Scott**



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Nothing to Report. James will work on it and send to Brad and James.

**Action Item: Bring back to May meeting.**

**REPORTS OF  
COMMITTEES**

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

Have one course, INDG 2100, moving through the approval process. Waiting for final Registrar approval.

More partnerships going on between faculty regarding sustainable food systems. Community partnership with the Kamloops Food Policy.

Art Projects and community potlucks partnership.

Emphasis on community engagements.

If we could have an annual advertising push ie: through the connect, etc. regarding the Environmental Sustainability Leadership in Environmental Sustainability Certificate.

Chris advised that FSD will be able to help with the advertising. FSD Communications will be back up to full staff soon.

Faculty Councils would be a good place for presentations.

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

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

Received only one student nomination and have three awards to give out. Would like to extend the deadline to April 21 and put out another call for nominations.

Environment Sustainability Achievement awards – 2

Also the Tom Owen Award – 1 award.

Send any student nominations to Brad H. and/or Christine Adam.

Hope to announce at the May meeting a full slate of nominations.

**c. ESAC Zero Waste Sub-Committee** – Anna Rogers

Committee did not meet in March, 2023.

McGill Residence did a clean up which happened last Wednesday. 15 volunteers showed up. Looks way better around McGill Residence.

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

Committee did not meet in March, 2023.

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

Meet regularly. Lots of discussions around defining and tracking sustainability.

[Core Theme Sustainability, Thompson Rivers University \(tru.ca\)](http://tru.ca)

Successes

- Sustainable Purchasing Workshops have now been embedded in the Purchasing Department.
- Bird Strikes Hot Spots Projects – indicator tracked – brought a lot of attention to this and now the institution has embedded this into new builds.

Currently tracking indicators that look more closely at Sustainability in the curriculum. IEP has created a system to “scrub” our curriculum repository, CurricUNET, to look more closely at Sustainability in the curriculum. Subcommittee is working on search terms for what our current curriculum looks like and what does it look like in a year.

Working on a Biodiversity audit of our campus and identify what % is native species and what is invasive.

For this year, Core Theme Planning will use the current indicators but will look to the future for new indicators.

**Action Item:** Would like a one hour of time on our June meeting for review the Core Theme Plan Workbook.

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

James and Tom Dickinson will meet to talk about the bird strike film project. Will invite Karl Fultz.

Tom thought the Biodiversity Audit was a great idea.

Worked on the TOR.

Have an individual to collate the biodiversity projects.

Bird Strike is [Feather Friendly Film](#) made by 3M that is applied to “hot spots” on campus.



**MANAGER OF  
SUSTAINABILITY  
PROGRAMS  
REPORT**

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

Staffing: Chantal is having a baby and the Sustainability Office will be losing her. A Co-op student will be starting May 1 to replace her.

The winner of the solar table design competition will get \$600. Built by the North Tower.

EV conversation – Astro Van to electric. Funding from Hydro, Sustainability, Facilities.

Sustainability Research Grants 3 faculty and 1 student.

April 21 1<sup>st</sup> Tree Planting event. Planting nut trees and others.

TRU will be the ECO Day sponsor at the Memorial Cup Hockey Tournament.

Have an ECO Scavenger Hunt with an App.

Organizing a Sustainability Trade Show by Sandman Centre.

Focus Group Lunch regarding TRU Bike Program.

Stepanie Klausson from the IPE Office conducted a Fall Student Caucus survey. Viewpoint on Sustainability: Overall satisfaction 71%

We applied to the World Federation of Colleges and Polytechnics – Sustainable Development Goals: 4 institutions in the running. Hope to come home with the Gold.

SDG week and the SDG and Global Super Snacks event. Came up with action items. We will send out the actions items to the Committee with a survey link. Please spend some time to review. We will discuss at a future meeting.

**ENERGY  
PROJECTS REPORT**

**Report by Natalie Yao, Energy Specialist**

Working on existing projects.

Finished Round 2 Continuous Optimization Program in Williams Lake.

Working on ISO certification program. Reports are due next week. Hoping to receive funding after the reports are done.

**CAMPUS  
INFRASTRUCTURE  
REPORT**

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

No Report

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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



Change to  
TOR.docx

Brad presented the above memorandum.

**Motion:**

Be it resolved that the Committee recommend the following changes as proposed to the Committee's Terms of Reference to Senate for approval:

Responsibilities

**To remove:**

To advise the Accreditation Steering Committee and report on mission fulfilment in relation to the core theme Sustainability.

**And replace with:**

In consultation with the Mission Fulfilment Executive Subcommittee, advise Senate and report on mission

fulfillment in relation to the core theme of environmental sustainability.

Ex Officio Non-Voting Members

**To remove:**

Accreditation Liaison Officer

**And replace with:**

Representative, Office of Quality Assurance

**Friendly Amendment:** Be it resolved to remove “preferably including a representative from the Wellness committee”.

Steve Farrell abstained (late to discussion).

**ii. Terms of Reference Update with Reference to Wellness Committee.**

Challenge at TRU with Mental Health and physical wellbeing. We do not have a governing body that looks after this.

Okanagan Charter Health Promoting Universities and Colleges. Chris will be asking about this.

Discussion to remove the reference of Wellness from this committee. Brad would have to move this forward to Senate.

Decided on a Friendly Amendment to the above motion.

See Friendly Amendment above: Be it resolved to remove “preferably including a representative from the Wellness committee”.

**iii. Terms of Reference Update of definition of “Faculty member”.**

**Faculty member definition:** "Faculty Member" means a person employed by the University as an instructor, a lecturer, an assistant professor, an associate professor, a professor or in an equivalent position designated by the Senate....”;

No concerns with updating the definition.

**CORRESPONDENCE**     None

**NEXT MEETING**         May 3, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**         Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.