



ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 3, 2023

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), Catherine Tatarniuk, Christine Adam, Dipesh Prema, James Gordon, Jessica Papineau (Delegate for Robyn Hollas), Kai Bauman, Lillian Kwan, Scott Blackford, Shelley Church.	
Present (non-voting):	Anna Rogers, Natalie Yao, Nicholas Read, Heather MacLeod (public member).	
Guests:	None	
Regrets (voting):	John Church, Elder Mike Arnouse, Maria Buff, Warren Asuchak, Yash Kaushik, Tarneet Kaur, Tina Matthew, Meng Sun, Steven Farrell	
Regrets (non-voting):	Alana Hoare, Crystal Huscroft, 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 12:09 p.m.	
WELCOME & Territorial Acknowledgement	Brad conducted the Territorial Acknowledgement. A round of introductions.	
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	The May 3, 2023 Agenda was presented. Shelley Church moved a motion to adopt the agenda. Lillian Kwan seconded the motion. The May 3, 2023 Agenda was unanimously adopted as presented.	

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The April 5, 2023 Minutes were presented. adopted as presented

Lillian Kwan moved a motion to adopt the April 5th Minutes. Chris Adam seconded the motion.

The April 5, 2023 Minutes were unanimously adopted as presented.

PRESENTATIONS

a. **None**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

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



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No Update.

Action Item: James will send a meeting invite to Scott and Brad to discuss further.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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

No Report.

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



ESAC awards recommendations 21

The nomination period was extended in order to have a full compliment of people to choose from.

Omnibus Motion:

The Committee accept all four nominations for the ESAC Awards as follows:

Tom Owen Environmental Sustainability Award – Jessica Merrikin

TRU Environmental Sustainability Achievement Award for Students – Maria Sofa Rueda and Saaransh Bhardwaj

TRU Environmental Sustainability Achievement Award for Faculty/Staff – Shannon Mazereeuw

Chris Adam moved the Motion.
James Gordon seconded the Motion

Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion:

- Change the application dates?
- How should we formalize the presentation of the awards?

Action Item: Brad will ask Awards if it is ok to extend the time period.

c. ESAC Zero Waste Sub-Committee – Anna Rogers

Trash Bash Campus cleanup on Thursday, May 18, 2023 – 9 – 1:30.

TOR drafted.

Hand towel v hand dryers in TRU buildings.

Template on sustainability for faculty to use for class presentations.

Waste Consultant is still in process. Very lengthy process but it is moving forward.

50/50 position.

Pilot residence move-out. When very well. Amazing items were being diverted from landfill.

Reviewing Recyclepedia tool. Equivalent to Kamloops Waste Wise App – but TRU specific.

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

Met on April 13.

Got funding to hire a consultant to draft a Sustainable Purchasing Policy. Scott can help with Policy.

Long term EDI purchasing framework.

Relooking at our HIPO list to make sure they are still relevant.

Shannon does sustainable purchasing workshops. If anyone wants to attend a workshop/group of people, let James know.

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

No Report.

Will be focus of our June meeting.

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

Met on April 20

Reviewing draft TOR.

Field trip with Tom Dickinson for Bird Strike Film – May 25. Looking for 20 volunteers to 1. ID birds and 2. Look for bird marks on windows.

Can we bring in bird strike film for individual use and perhaps sell at Bookstore? James will ask Garry Feary. Hawk silhouettes have some success.

Biodiversity Inventory on Campus [A Community for Naturalists · iNaturalist](#) - Citizen Scientists report biodiversity on an app.

TRU has an inventory of over 1800 trees. Next step to create an app and a plaque with a QR code. 137 unique species. We have funding for a consultant to create the app but not done yet.

**MANAGER OF
SUSTAINABILITY
PROGRAMS
REPORT**

Report by James Gordon, Manager of Sustainability Programs

[Living Planet @ Campus](#) - [Go Wild Grants](#) and [iNaturalist Canada](#)

Deadline to submit [ImpAct Climate Challenge](#) is May 30.

[Go By Bike Week](#) – May 29 – June 4. Team based event – TRU team “Folks on Spokes”. Grand Prize \$200 GC. Celebration Station on TRU by Summit and McGill corner. French Breakfast on Tuesday, May 30, 2023.

TRU Eco Day Sponsor at the Memorial Cup. Eco Scavenger Hunt and [Sustainability Expo – TRU Newsroom](#).

Tree Planting and Care Day – June 8 – open to Students, Staff, Faculty.

Space Heater Defeater Program successful. Will do another one next year.

Solar Table Design winner will be recognized on May 4.

Gas to electric conversion Astro Van Conversation taking place.

Sustainability Research Grants have been awarded.

SDGs – plan to send a survey asking to prioritize which action items to move on. The survey will be coming.

Casual Shirt Day coming this summer. Starting first Friday of summer for 10 Fridays.

**ENERGY
PROJECTS REPORT**

Report by Natalie Yao, Energy Specialist

Finishing Hydro projects.

Discussing Fortis Custom Design Projects.

1 mega watt solar pv project going on.

ISO 50001 continuing. Submitted expense claim report and hope to get funding soon.

**CAMPUS
INFRASTRUCTURE
REPORT**

Report by Maria Buff, Director of Capital Projects

No Report

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Online, In-Person or Hybrid ESAC Meetings – Brad Harasymchuk

Hard to find space. James offers lunch.

Looking to next year meetings.

People in Culture is looking at Hybrid Work Schedule.

FSD faculty counsel have held Hybrid Meetings in OM. Hybrid is suboptimal. TRUSU will be getting a better system in the future.

Would need a coordinator who looks after both online and live interaction.

Action Item: Brad, Lora and James will look into this for September.

b. Chairing the June 7, 2023 Meeting – Brad Harasymchuk

Brad cannot attend June 7. Tina cannot attend as it is convocation.

Lynda Worth gave direction as follows:

If the president nor any vice-president is present, the secretary – or some other member – calls the meeting to order, and the assembly immediately elects a chairman pro tem to preside during the session.

Action Item: Lora will do a poll for attendance.

c. Thank you Meng Sun – Brad Harasymchuk

Thanks Meng for his service. Brad will send him a thank you email.

CORRESPONDENCE None

NEXT MEETING June 7, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 1:27 p.m.