

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 5, 2014

Minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee held in the TRUSU Boardroom,
Thompson Rivers University, Kamloops, B.C., commencing at 4:00 pm.

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| ATTENDANCE | | |
| Present: | M. Gordon; J. Gudjonson; H. Hove; C. Huscroft; J. Lam; S. Purdy (Chair); P. Tsigaris; W. Singular | |
| Participating by Teleconference: | None | |
| Regrets: | T. Dickinson; M. Harrison (on leave); S. Learie; B. Mackay; D. Parkes; G. Read; J. Sparks; L. Tabata | |
| Guests: | N. Yao (Office of Environment and Sustainability) | |
| Others: | J. Gordon (note-taker, Office of Environment and Sustainability) | |
| CALL TO ORDER | <i>The meeting being duly constituted for the conduct of business, the Chair called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm.</i> | |
| ADOPTION OF AGENDA | <i>On motion duly made by C. Huscroft, and seconded by J. Lam, it was RESOLVED to approve the agenda as distributed.</i> | |
| ADOPTION OF MINUTES | <u>Minutes of January 8, 2014</u> <i>On motion duly made by J. Lam, and seconded by M. Gordon, it was RESOLVED to approve the minutes from the meeting of January 8, 2014 as distributed.</i> | |

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| BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES | <p><u>Welcome new EAC member and renewal of EAC membership for existing members</u></p> <p>Wayne Singular, who teaches accounting in the School of Business and Economics, was welcomed as a new member. S. Purdy reported that according to J. Sparks the EAC member terms for C. Huscroft, D. Parkes and P. Tsigaris were renewed another three years. D. Crespin-Mueller is leaving the EAC after many years of valuable service. S. Purdy will organize getting her a thank-you card from the EAC, and J. Gordon will post a ‘farewell and thank-you’ note along with a photo of her to the EAC website. In light of her departure, the EAC needs a replacement member.</p> | <p>S. Purdy J. Gordon</p> |
| | <p><u>TRU Environmental Achievement Award</u></p> <p>Due to J. Sparks’ absence, S. Purdy will ask him where things are at regarding the issue of having the award become a regular award given out at the April TRU staff awards ceremony.</p> | <p>S. Purdy</p> |
| | <p><u>EAC website</u> http://www.tru.ca/senate/committees/eac.html J. Gordon discovered from a senate representative that further amendments to the website are required by Feb 28, which he will undertake.</p> | <p>J. Gordon</p> |
| | <p><u>EAC Letter to TRU Strategic Priorities Advisory Committee (SPAC)</u></p> <p>S. Purdy reported that sustainability is well represented in the final draft of the SPAC. “Increasing Sustainability” is one of the 5 <i>Priorities for 5 Years</i>. Please look it over: https://www.tru.ca/president/strategicpriorities/priorities.html</p> | <p>All AEC members</p> |
| | <p><u>Reintroducing Green Teams</u></p> <p>Nothing to report on at this time due to TRUOES being very busy at this time. This issue will be brought up at subsequent EAC meetings.</p> | |
| | <p><u>Study on TRU Paper Use</u></p> <p>J. Gudjonson reported that paper use has declined on average about 10% per year over the last three years. The new commercial scanners that the Registrar’s Office will soon be using will help</p> | |

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further reduce this. It was agreed that in the fall organizing some sort of "Paper Cut Challenge" between faculties would be a good idea to try and further reduce the amount of paper use. Challenging other universities to a friendly 'Paper Reduction Competition' (as a percentage from the previous year) was another idea put forth in the name of motivating the TRU community to reduce paper use.

**J. Gudjonson &
C. Huscroft**

Battery Recycling Bins

James will post a link on the EAC site telling of where the fifteen bins are around campus. Please let James know if you think of other good places for the bins and he will ask Facilities to install them. James will also act on the following:

- What the City of Kamloops is doing specifically regarding battery recycling initiatives
- If the province has any legislation around battery recycling
- Talk to the head of the TRU Journalism Dept about if this topic might be of interest for a story that one of their students might pursue
- Generally doing a better job of promoting the use of the battery recycling bins with, among other things, better and more signage
- Enquire with recycle.com if they offer any sort of battery recycling programs in Kamloops

J. Gordon

Temperature Differences Between Buildings – J. Gudjonson reported that a BC Hydro-funded consultant is working at HOL looking at 24hr temperature trend cycles in the building over 9 months. Also, temperature loggers have been installed in various spots in Old Main and will monitor the variations in temperature over the next two weeks in 20 different areas (two days in each area). Two months is needed to collect data in order for it to be reliable. The Open Learning building will be next.

**DIRECTOR'S
REPORT**

Zero-Waste Station Initiative - TRUOES is working on a zero-waste station initiative with the goal of rolling out such stations in order to substantially reduce the amount of garbage being picked-up on campus, thus saving \$25,000 in the process. This savings will then

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| | <p>be put towards helping to pay for the new composting program. 4 yard garbage dumpsters will be replaced with 6 yard ones.</p> <p>Energy Projects – all on-track</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The installation of solar PV panels on the roof of TRUSU is moving ahead and it could end up being the largest array of PV panels in The Interior (160 panels; 40 kw of power; 48 kw hrs/yr; savings of \$5/kw/yr. • Working on the installation of a wind turbine test site on the land behind the Warehouse | |
| PRESENTATIONS | None | |
| REPORT OF COMMITTEES | <p><u>Meeting of EAC sub-committee discussing vision of a TRU 'Sustainability Centre'</u></p> <p>P. Tsigaris mentioned that the committee met again and continues to brainstorm. The committee will continue to meet.</p> | |
| NEW BUSINESS | <p><u>Environmental Sustainability Staff/Faculty Award.</u> P. Tsigaris will email staff and faculty about this on Feb 28. He will check if a nomination form is needed for this , as well as if other steps need to take place for this to happen.</p> <p><u>Reciprocity Shelf.</u> M. Gordon discussed an initiative that UNBC and other universities have: a place that members of the university can leave unwanted items that others can come and take. Possible locations are TRUSU and/or separate locations in each building. Also brought up was the idea of a storage space that returning students could leave belongings in and then retrieve them when they return. The biggest issue around this idea is a lack of storage space. S. Purdy will talk to Suk in Student Engagement about this idea.</p> | <p>P. Tsigaris</p> <p>S. Purdy</p> |
| CORRESPONDENCE | None | |
| NEXT MEETING | Next meeting: March 5, 2014 from 4:00 to 5:30 pm. | |

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ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 5:14 pm.

Signature of Chairperson, Chair

Signature of Vice-Chairperson, Vice-Chair (if required)

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