

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 30, 2009

ATTENDANCE:

Present: T. Owen, P. Powers, S. Purdy, G. Hayes, L. Tabata, J. Sparks, R. Reid, J. Murray, A. Hockin, K. Anderson, D. Crespin-Mueller

Regrets: G. McKay, N. Riesle, V. Montagliani, R. McGivern, J. Van Hamme

Guests: Mary Ellen Grant (CSAP), Megan Gerow (Career Ed Dept.), Sandie Smedley (student)

| ITEM | DISCUSSION | ACTION |
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| <p>CALL TO ORDER: Penny Powers in the Chair. Meeting was called to order at 10:05 am.</p> <p>ADOPTION OF AGENDA <i>On motion duly made it was RESOLVED to approve the Agenda as amended.</i></p> <p>ADOPTION OF MINUTES <i>On motion duly made it was RESOLVED to approve the May 19, 2009 Minutes as circulated.</i></p> <p>Tom introduced his new co-op student, Kaitlin Boyd</p> | | |
| <p>WORKING GROUP REPORTS:</p> <p>Policy Working Group Penny reported that the Policy Working Group was unable to meet during the summer due to scheduling difficulties. The group is planning to meet sometime this month.</p> <p>Energy & Facilities Working Group Les advised that four of six water refilling stations have arrived and are in Kamloops, they are not yet installed at TRU. The water refill stations will be located on the 1st floor of Old Main, the 2nd floor of Science building, the 2nd floor of the CAC, near the Cafeteria in Trades & Technology, the 1st floor of the Independent Centre, and in the Arts & Education building. Tom mentioned that there are already about 50 places to get water on campus including staff rooms and other areas.</p> | | |

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| <p>Presentation: Adam Hockin</p> <p>Adam presented his work on an environmental audit at TRU, including an Ecological Footprint analysis. In his PowerPoint presentation Adam outlined some areas where TRU could improve its carbon footprint, for example with less air travel. He described an ongoing three year plan which would see continuous implementation of the goals created through research and analysis, possibly completed by a co-op student every three years. He outlined the goals and tasks that the Sustainability Action Plan working group discussed over the summer.</p> <p>Adam explained that he will have his report completed by early December, and will then submit it to the EAC for review and comments. The report will hopefully be put before the Senate and then published.</p> | |
| <p>NEW BUSINESS:</p> <p>TDM Survey:</p> <p>Les noted that there has been a substantial increase in parking demand this school year. TRU will not be increasing parking capacity and will instead promote alternate forms of transportation. Facilities plans to implement carpool parking in the future. Lot N to be paved in the next year.</p> <p>A transportation survey that Adam has created will be coming out soon.</p> | |
| <p>Community Garden:</p> <p>Robin asked about the progress of the community garden project on campus. Tom explained that there is an irrigated garden directly above the AHT building that could be used. There are two issues with the community garden project – an issue of ownership of the land and an issue of who would look after the garden during the summer. A co-op student could possibly take care of the garden over the summer. Tom will let Robin know of any more meetings with the Horticulture committee so she can attend. The topic was put for further discussion at the next meeting.</p> | <p>Tom For Agenda</p> |
| <p>Kamloops Air Quality Issue:</p> <p>There was a discussion about the recent council decision to deny the ACC proposal. It was commented that the city is in need of a plan for air quality/air shed analysis. The EAC could possibly ask a Ministry of Environment employee to come talk to the group—either Rick Adams or Ralph Adams. There was a discussion about whether the EAC should work alone to create an air quality plan or work with the stakeholders of the issue such as Interior Health, Kamloops Indian Band, the City of Kamloops, and the Ministry of Environment. It was agreed that a more broadly based approach would be the best way to go. The issue of whether or not the EAC could take a public position on a licensing issue such as the ACC incineration proposal was also raised. It was pointed out that there are</p> | |

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| <p>procedures in place that designate the President as the spokesperson for the university. It would be difficult for the EAC which reports to the Board and the Senate to have a position that would not be considered as an official position of the university by others no matter what disclaimers might be used with the statement. If there is a feeling that the EAC would like to make such direct interventions that could be part of the EAC Annual Report and guidance should be sought from the Board and the Senate on the matter.</p> <p>Motion by Robin and seconded by Dorys to create an Air Quality working group. All in favour. Robin will draw up a Terms of Reference for the group.</p> | <p>Robin/John/Adam Robin</p> |
| <p>Paper Use on Campus: Dorys commented that her department has been able to reduce its paper use by a considerable amount. One of the Sustainability Action Plan goals is to reduce student paper use by 50%. Aiding in the accomplishment of this goal are new multi-function printing devices. Using recycled paper will also count towards this goal.</p> | |
| <p>Tom's Report: The new Environment and Sustainability web site is up and running. A link to the EAC web page will be put in this afternoon by Kaitlin. The Environment and Sustainability Components of the Strategic Plan have been allocated an additional budget of \$53,000 to use. The money must be spent by the end of March. For the Environment and Sustainability office \$10,000 has been allocated for a speakers programme, \$5000 for communications and \$1000 for an environmental award. A proposal for car pooling has been prepared and forwarded to facilities for implementation in the next couple of months. TRU will be conducting a landscape study to reduce water and pesticide use.</p> <p>The Guerin Creek clean-up was very successful and Tom has made an agreement with the Culinary Arts Training Centre to send their compost to an animal rearing farm. The compost will be taken regularly by someone from the farm, who also works at TRU therefore there will be no additional carbon footprint.</p> | <p>Kaitlin</p> |
| <p>New Chair and Vice-Chair: Judith will be taking over the Chair position and a new Vice-Chair will be elected by EAC members.</p> <p>Next Meeting & Adjournment: The next meeting will be Oct. 28 at 10:00 am. Meeting adjourned @ 11:50am.</p> | |