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**ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

September 12, 2024

Minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee, held via MS Teams, at   
Thompson Rivers University, Kamloops, B.C.

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| **HEADING** | **ITEM / DISCUSSION** | **ACTION** |

**Present (voting)**: Catherine Tatarniuk (Vice-Chair), Baldev Pooni, James Gordon, Hardeep Chahal, Heather MacLeod, Kai Bauman, Poonam Poonam, Robyn Hollas, Scott Blackford, Shelley Church, Vernie Clement

**Present (non-voting)**: Anna Rogers

**Guests:** None

**Regrets (voting):** Bridget Chandakasarira, Elder Mike Arnouse, John Church, Pete Arkestyn, Pete Hrkac, Pete Hrkac, Warren Asuchak

**Regrets (non-voting):** Natalie Yao

**Recording Secretary:** Lora Sartori

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| **CALL TO ORDER** | Catherine Tatarniuk in the Chair. The meeting, being duly constituted for the conduct of business, started at 9:08 a.m. |  |

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| **WELCOME & Territorial Acknowledgement** | Catherine conducted the Territorial Acknowledgement.  A round of introductions. |  |

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| **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** | The September 12, 2024 Agenda was unanimously adopted as presented.  Shelley/Robyn  The June 5, 2024 Agenda was unanimously adopted as presented. James/Scott |  |

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| **PRESENTATIONS** | 1. **None** |  |

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| **ESAC Chair and Vice-Chair Elections** | 1. **ESAC Chair and Vice-Chair Elections** |  |
|  | Catherine is unable to put her name forward as Chair for the Fall Term. She can stay on as Vice-Chair.  Scott: Look at roster and tap shoulders. Scott could chair a meeting or two but as an ex officio member it may not be appropriate for him to hold the chair role. Perhaps we should try a Chair Pro-Tempore (Pro-Tem).  Put the call out and see if we can resolve this at the next meeting.  Shelley Church may be interested. |  |

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| **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES** | 1. **ESAC Meeting Schedule** |  |
|  | Shelley cannot do the second Thursday of the month.  **Action Item: Lora will try outlook for the next meeting. Please update your outlook calendar.** |  |

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| **NEW BUSINESS** | 1. **Overview of the 6 ESAC subcommittees and call for new members –** James Gordon |  |
|  | Awards Subcommittee – James, Anna, Scott, Brad  Zero Waste Subcommittee – Anna Rogers chairs  Biodiversity Subcommittee – James/Shelley co-chair  Core Theme Planning – On hold  Sustainable Purchasing Subcommittee – On hold as 2 members from the committee left TRU.  Sustainability Education in the Curriculum – On hold. |  |

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|  | 1. **Proposed new Energy Subcommittee –** James Gordon |  |
|  | Natalie has offered to be the Chair.  Baldev Pooni is happy to be on the Energy Subcommittee.  If anyone is interested in getting involved. Contact Natalie Yao, Energy Manager or James Gordon. |  |

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|  | 1. **Overview of analysis and synthesis of all the 17 SDG action items from the two years of the SDGs & Global Super Snacks events (2023 & 2024)** – James Gordon |  |
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| **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES** | 1. **Awards Sub-Committee –** James Gordon |  |
|  | * Gave out the 4 student awards in June. * Gave out the staff/faculty award to Crystal Huscroft. * Want to divide the staff and faculty award up into two different awards. * Also want to get our awards in the Presidents Award Series. * Timelines and getting the word out are always a challenge. If you know of anyone, think about this award. |  |

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|  | 1. **Zero Waste Sub-Committee –** Anna Rogers |  |
|  | * Need to book our subcommittees meeting for this year. Next meeting will be in October. Will be bi-monthly. * More involved on capital projects. Can we divert more construction material? * Many office moves and renos and addressing office supplies/old furniture. * Mattress Recycling has taken all the old end of life furniture which needed to be removed off campus. Diverted 9,500 kg of furniture. They have a 98% recycling record. * Introduced Planet Earth for book recycling. 1,000 kg of books have been diverted this summer. * Waste Management has moved to the fall schedule. * Working with TRUSU to do a student focused trash bash for October 22, 2024. * Boma Best Waste Audits – 7 buildings for this year. |  |

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|  | 1. **Sustainable Purchasing Sub-Committee** – James Gordon |  |
|  | No Report. Committee is on hold. |  |

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|  | 1. **Core Theme Planning Sub-Committee** – James Gordon |  |
|  | No Report. Committee is on hold. |  |

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|  | 1. **ESAC Biodiversity Committee** – Shelley Church |  |
|  | * BioBlitz will happened September 18, home base is the Campus commons. * Use the app iNaturalist. |  |

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|  | 1. **TRU Sustainability Education in the Curriculum Sub-Committee** – Committee on Hold |  |
|  | * Sustainability Community of Practice Group – September 20 meeting from 12 – 1. How to put sustainability themes in the curriculum. |  |

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| **MANAGER OF SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAMS REPORT** | **Report by James Gordon, Manager of Sustainability Programs** |  |
|  | * STARS Plan – 95% by 2026 – “95 by 26”. * Requires faculty/staff to get on board and help the University achieve this. * Want to form a committee to help and move this along. * Tree App is being developed. * GoByBike Week September 23 - October 6, 2024 * Liveable Cities Collaborative Communities Feb 20 & 21, 2025 * EV van conversion is moving ahead. * Working on the next 5-year Sustainability Strategic Plan. * Tree planting on September 25 in Lot N 10 – 12. * LCDES ground breaking will September/October, 2024. |  |

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| **ENERGY PROJECTS REPORT** | **Report by Natalie Yao, Energy Manager** |  |
|  | * Received Hydro agreement for TRU to create 1 megawatt of solar power. |  |

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| **CAMPUS INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT** |  |  |
|  | No Report |  |

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| **CORRESPONDENCE** | None |  |

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| **NEXT MEETING**  **ADJOURNMENT** | TBD  Meeting adjourned at 10:15 am |  |