

**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**
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|  | 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**
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|  | 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
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|  | Awards Subcommittee – James, Anna, Scott, BradZero Waste Subcommittee – Anna Rogers chairsBiodiversity Subcommittee – James/Shelley co-chairCore Theme Planning – On holdSustainable 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
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|  | 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
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|  | * 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
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|  | * 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
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|  | No Report. Committee is on hold. |  |

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

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|  | 1. **ESAC Biodiversity Committee** – Shelley Church
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|  | * 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
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|  | * 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 |  |