

**Minutes of the ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

November 1, 2017

Committee meeting held in the TRUSU Boardroom, Thompson Rivers University  
Kamloops, B.C., commencing at 12:00 PM.

HEADING	ITEM / DISCUSSION	ACTION
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**ATTENDANCE** (there are two Board appointed vacancies and one staff vacancy)

**Present:** Warren Asuchak; Wilson Bell; Lloyd Bennett; Tom Dickenson; Karl Fultz; Jim Gudjonson; Michael Mehta; Paul Michel; Caitlin Quist; Kyle Robertson; Amie Schellenberg (Interim Chair); Peter Tsigaris

**Participating by Teleconference:** None.

**Absent:** Courtney Mason; Glenn Read; Guenter Weckerle

**Regrets:** Scott Blackford ; James Gordon; Sharman Learie

**Guests:** Two students from the TRU Eco Club

**Others:** none

<b>CALL TO ORDER &amp; WELCOMES</b>	<i>The meeting, being duly constituted for the conduct of business, was called to order at 12:08 pm by the Chair, Amie Schellenberg. The committee welcomed the two guest students from the TRU ECO club. All members then introduced themselves.</i>
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<b>ADOPTION OF AGENDA</b>	<i>On motion duly made it was RESOLVED to approve the agenda as distributed.</i>
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<b>ADOPTION OF MINUTES</b>	<i>Minutes of October 4th, 2017. On motion duly made it was RESOLVED to approve these Minutes.</i>
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<b>PRESENTATIONS</b>	<i>none</i>
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<b>BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES</b>	<p><b><u>Election of ESAC Chair and Vice-Chair.</u></b> Karl Fultz was voted in as the new Chair of the ESAC. The committee voted and it was passed. Scott Blackford was voted to continue acting as vice chair of the ESAC. The committee voted and it was passed.</p>
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**Results of the Triennial Review Survey.** The committee reviewed and discussed these and it was agreed to accept the results of the

survey as no one had any objections. It was noted that getting reliable quorum to meetings was an on-going issue.

**Answers to the questions from Cupanion (Will Sherman) and Ozzi**

**(Tom Wright)**. After discussing the pros and cons of both waste reduction systems a motion was made by Michael Mehta and seconded by Karl Fultz “To authorize the Sustainability Office to continue talks and consultations with Cupanion in the hope of a two year contract. Discussion with vendors on campus must be included with this consultation”. This motion was voted on and passed by the committee. Another motion was made regarding the Ozzi program “To not accept the Ozzi contract in the near term”. This motion was also voted on and passed by the committee. Once results are known regarding how the Cupanion program is working, the ESAC may revisit the Ozzi program to see if it’s worth pursuing.

Jim

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**Ensuring quorum for meetings.** Scott. Tabled.

**Need for long-term annual planning for the ESAC.** Jim. Tabled.

**Awarding environmental sustainability achievement award:**

Scott and Peter. Tabled.

**TRU Sustainability Education in the Curriculum sub-**

**committee.** Susan Purdy reported that she was unable to attend the AASHE conference due to family health matters. She is trying to coordinate a meeting of sub-committee members. The TRU Centre for Excellence in Learning and Teaching (CELT) is planning to put on other programs regarding sustainability in the curriculum on May 14 and 15, 2018.

Susan

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**Bird window strikes and mortality.** Karl presented an issue regarding the huge mortality rate of birds hitting glass windows of campus buildings. He is concerned that the many windows on our campus are taking the lives of many birds. He asked for a campus wide call to recruit people to help resolve the issue of bird strikes. Tom Dickinson showed strong

support. Karl will submit a pre-proposal to the Sustainability Grant Fund to seek funds for this project.

**Karl**

**Reducing litter on campus** – Karl reminded the committee of the Trash Bash with the theme “Keep it Green, Keep it Clean”, on Nov, 3.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

None

**DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Jim mentioned that the call for presentations is open for the ISCN conference in Stockholm, Sweden, June 11-13th. The call for awards will be open later. The Sustainability department would be willing to support any committee members that are accepted to present. Jim reported that TRU has met Fortis and BC Hydro goals, and therefore the salary subsidies are being upheld. There has been a new compost digester installed behind the CAC. The TRU CarShare program is going very well. The Zipcar program is also doing well. Rental rates are above national averages for universities. Once 38% is achieved, TRU will need to expand the fleet. Jim is hopeful that Zipcar will expand in Kamloops. Jim reminded the committee that the deadline for proposals for the Sustainability Grant Fund is coming up, and he is starting to see some very interesting and hopeful proposals. Jim advised of upcoming IDays meetings regarding issues around sustainable food.

**NEW BUSINESS**

An announcement was made, reminding the committee of the Grand Opening of the Solar Compass on November 2, and committee members Michael Mehta and Amie Schellenberg would appreciate the committee’s support at the launch.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**NEXT MEETING**

December 6, 2017. Noon to 1:30 in the TRUSU Boardroom.

**ADJOURNMENT**

1:30 PM.

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*Signature of Chairperson, Chair*

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