

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday 14th April, 2010

Time: 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

NOTES

Place: OL 127

ATTENDANCE:

Present:

J. Murray; P. Powers; D. Parkes; H. Parsons; D. Crespin-Mueller; S. Purdy; L. Tabata; T. Owen

Regrets:

B. Christianson; N. Reisle; J. Van Hamme; P. Tsigaris; B. Klohn; G. Hayes; J. Sparks

Notetaker:

S. Jackson

1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER

J. Murray in the Chair. The meeting was called to order at 4:35 pm.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- New course on climate change – S. Purdy
- May Action Workshop
- Environmental Award

On motion duly made, it was **RESOLVED** to approve the agenda as amended.

J. Murray

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

On motion duly made, it was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting dated 3rd March, 2010 as circulated.

S. Jackson

4. MATTERS ARISING:

- **Environmental Award** – nominations were received, which the selection committee adjudicated. J. Murray congratulated P. Powers on winning the award, which will be presented at the TRU Institutional Award Ceremony.
- **Environmental Mind Grind** on April 17th at the Aberdeen Mall —approximately 16 teams of elementary students will be competing for awards.
- **Update re. Transportation Demand Management Plan** – L. Tabata reported that a meeting with the City of Kamloops has taken place. The City is doing a review of a transportation study that was conducted a year ago. At that time, the City had said that

this would be complete by June. N. Lane and L. Tabata met with the Transportation Planner from Victoria, who suggested it would be better to proceed at a slower pace. The Planner will submit her report by January 2011. We have made a proposal to the City, and we need to go out to tender in June for a September start date.

- **Motions for Senate and the Board to approve the Campus Sustainability Action Plan (CSAP)** – J. Murray reported that the CSAP has been submitted to the Board of Governors and Senate for approval. Discussion of printing report, number of copies etc, to come back as a future agenda item. S. Jackson
- **Status of draft Vehicle policy and draft Environmental policy** – J. Murray explained that the policy review/approval process has been reviewed. In future, policies will flow from the EAC to TRU's Legal Counsel, and it will be Legal Counsel's responsibility to distribute to the Provost, Deans Council, VP-OL, VP Administration & Finance, etc. The office of the Legal Counsel will gather feedback, and will then inform the EAC if the policy needs to be amended as a result of feedback, or if in fact there is no feedback. He will then forward the policies appropriately.
 - **Vehicle policy** - T. Owen gave the committee some background re. the policy. The following suggestions and concerns emerged:
 - This policy overlaps with many other existing policies.
 - If we make these Regulations, rather than Policy, it would be easier to amend in the future.
 - We could extract 5 or 6 key points from the policy, and put them into a directive.
 - We could take the broad draft policy, extract items that are truly environmental and put them into a draft policy.
 - We need to examine the draft policy to see what fits within the EAC mandate. Anything outside the EAC mandate will have to go forward as a recommendation and not as a policy.
 - Facilities would like to maintain a custodial role re. vehicles, whether they are operated by Facilities or not.
 - There are approx. 45 vehicles on campus owned or leased by TRU. They generate environmental issues because of the carbon tax.
 - T. Owen volunteered to rewrite the draft policy, which will be circulated to EAC members. Tom will consider what might be done by directive rather than policy. T. Owen
 - **Environmental policy** – feedback is still being collected. T. Owen will revise the draft policy and put into the correct structure/format before circulating to the committee. T. Owen

5. **JIM GUDJONSON, NEW ENERGY MANAGER**

As Mr. Gudjonson could not attend, this item was postponed to the May meeting.

S. Jackson

6. **SUSTAINABILITY ACROSS THE CURRICULUM LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP – PENNY POWERS**

P. Powers informed the committee of a Sustainability Across the Curriculum Leadership

Workshop to be held at San Diego State University, hosted by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education. It was suggested that anyone interested in attending contact T. Owen who will ascertain whether his office can provide any assistance. The expectation is that EAC members who attend events will make a presentation to the committee upon their return.

7. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT – TOM OWEN** (*to be circulated at the meeting*)

- T. Owen reported that the EAC had received \$1000 from the Budget Committee of Senate for an award. \$10,000 had been earmarked for the Speaker Series but we ended up only paying one honorarium – the other speakers only required expenses, not honorariums. We had \$5000 to spend on advertising campaign. A Digital Art & Design class was approached, and asked to design two things: a symbol for the committee (with a prize of \$500) and also a display that could be placed in the hallway with literature/information (a cardboard cut-out).

On motion duly made, it was *RESOLVED* to approve the logo as shown.

- Earth Day is April 22, 2010.
- TRU now has full recycling of campus waste. Soon we will be able to recycling all plant material from the kitchens.
- An Energy Study will commence at TRU next week.
- R. Barnsley, TRU President, to sign the Talloires Declaration
- Aramark and Coca Cola are voluntarily withdrawing bottled water from TRU.

8. **SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP – TOM OWEN**

- EAC members on sub-committees:
 - Built :
 - B. Christianson
 - D. Parkes
 - J. Van Hamme
 - D. Crespin-Mueller
 - J. Sparks
 - Natural
 - P. Powers
 - R. Reid
 - S. Purdy
 - Human
 - P. Tsigaris
 - D. Crespin-Mueller
 - H. Parsons
 - B. Klohn
- Chairs for sub-committees
 - Each sub-committee to choose its own Chair.

- Call for community members
 - Senate steering committee to put out a call for interest asking for expressions of interest (S. Jackson to work with M. Young/T. Owen).

S. Jackson
T. Owen

9. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS (none)

No reports were received.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- P. Powers reported that she has been approved to teach a new course on climate change – HLSC 304 – in the Fall. She needs a critical number of students for the course to go ahead. Suggestions on advertising the course included:
 - Send a notice to all the Deans.
 - Send a notice to all Student Advisors.
 - Ask C. Seguin to advertise on the TRU home page.
 - Ask N. Lane to advertise.
 - Ask Omega to advertise.
 - Ask L. Rugg to advertise on campus monitors.
- We are very close to finalizing negotiations re. campus disc golf course. The course is currently home to endangered species, so we are trying to preserve the space for wildlife.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- May 2010: Kamloops Sustainability Atlas – Dave Whiting
- Discussion of printing CSAP report, number of copies, etc.