



## ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 1, 2022

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

HEADING	ITEM / DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>Present:</b>	Christine Miller, (Chair), Brad Harasymchuk, Carolyn Ives, Dipesh Prema, James Gordon, Jana Noskova, Lillian Kwan, Meng Sun, Natalie Yao, Sarah Martin, Scott Blackford	
	<b>QUORUM MET</b>	
<b>Regrets:</b>	Alana Hoare, Christine Adam, Dillon Alexandre, Elder Mike Arnouse, Gabriela Rivera, Jessica Papineau, Petar Hrkac, Thamindu Widyarante, Tina Matthews Warren Asuchak	
<b>Guests:</b>	Young Grguras from PLAN: The Post-Landfill Action Network.	
<b>Recording Secretary:</b>	Lora Sartori	
<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	James Gordon in the Chair. The meeting, being duly constituted for the conduct of business, the Chair called the meeting to order at 11:33 a.m.	
<b>WELCOME &amp; Territorial Acknowledgement</b>	James did the Territorial Acknowledgement.  Round of Introductions of all members in attendance.	
<b>PRESENTATIONS</b>	Young Grguras from <a href="#">PLAN: The Post-Landfill Action Network</a> discussing a Campus Plastic Free Pledge <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Young's Presentation</a></li><li>• Top 10 Zero Waste Campuses. Link here: <a href="https://www.postlandfill.org/top-10-campuses/">https://www.postlandfill.org/top-10-campuses/</a></li><li>• Their Mission and Vision together with a copy of the poster can be found here: <a href="https://www.postlandfill.org/about-plan/?doing_wp_cron=1643745507.1946868896484375000000">https://www.postlandfill.org/about-plan/?doing_wp_cron=1643745507.1946868896484375000000</a></li></ul>	

- 19 schools have signed on to the Break Free from Plastic Pledge. There is no deadline. Most schools have their President sign on to this Pledge.
- Some recommended reading:  
<https://beautifultrouble.org/about>
- You can reach Young at [Young@postlandfill.org](mailto:Young@postlandfill.org)

**Christine Miller joined the Meeting and resumed the Chair.**

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

On MOTION duly made it was RESOLVED to approve the February 1, 2022 Agenda as distributed.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

On MOTION duly made it was RESOLVED to adopt the January 11, 2022 Minutes as distributed.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

- a. Re: Climate Emergency Letter.**  
(<https://www.sdgaccord.org/climateletter>).  
i. Update regarding interest from TRUSU.  
No further information to share.

**Action Item: James will be meeting with Sierra Rae from TRUSU and will discuss with her.**

**James Gordon**

- b. Bird Strike Film. Report on Progress – James Gordon**  
Next buildings to be completed will be Old Main and AE with a budget of \$40,000. James has asked Warren if there are any funds for this.

Evidence that a simple hawk silhouette will reduce bird strikes.

**Action Item: James will email a hawk silhouette to the TRU Community.**

**James Gordon**

2 dead birds outside of the Chappell Family Building for Nursing & Population Health in the Summer, 2021 at the windows located closest to the Science Building.

Disappointing that new builds on campus have not considered implementing bird strike film.

**Action Item:** James will email Warren and Dillon the question of considering bird strike film on new builds.

James  
Gordon

**Action Item:** Christine and James will discuss the new buildings and bring back to the Committee.

Christine  
Miller and  
James  
Gordon

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

**a. TRU Sustainability Education in the Curriculum Sub-Committee – Report by Christine Miller**

Met recently and still working on course sustainability worksheet. INDG 2100: Indigenous Environmental Sustainability (2,2,0)

**b. Awards Sub-Committee – Report by Chris Adam/Brad Harasymchuk**

Met last week with Scott, James, Brad and Christine.

Will be asking the Committee to help get the word out.

Deadline February 25, 2022.

**c. ESAC Zero Waste Sub-Committee – Report by James Gordon**

Have not met since last meeting.

**Action Item:** James will follow-up with the PLAN presentation and the Committee's thoughts.

James  
Gordon

**d. ESAC Sustainable Purchasing Sub-Committee.**

Report by James Gordon, Chair.

Had a meeting on January 13, 2022 to discuss TRU Indigenous Purchasing Framework. Met with Judy Kitts, Victoria Harbour Authority; Dan Munshaw, City of Thunder Bay; Amanda Chouinard, Canadian Collaboration for Sustainable Procurement and Reeve Consulting, Eric Vandermeullen, Shannon Mazereeuw, Garry Gottfriedson and Tina Matthew. We are in the very beginning stages of discussions.

6 areas in the STARS report that relate to sustainable purchasing - concentrating on these items.

At PD week on February 24 Shannon Mazereeuw and James will do a sustainable purchasing workshop “Be a Better Buyer, TRU Sustainable Purchasing 101”

**e. ESAC Core Theme Planning Committee – Report by Alana Hoare**

No Current Report

**f. ESAC Biodiversity Sub-Committee – Report by Christine Miller**

Did not meet since last meeting.

Christine will strategically reach out for members.

**MANAGER OF  
SUSTAINABILITY  
PROGRAMS REPORT**

**Report by James Gordon, Manager of Sustainability Programs**

Energy Dance on February 11<sup>th</sup> 9:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. – virtual and free. Bring awareness to energy conservation.

Student Sustainability Ambassadors are ready to launch 4 initiatives.

5-year zero waste plan coming together.

Hiring a new zero-waste staff member, permanent full-time.

**ENERGY PROJECTS  
REPORT**

**Report by Natalie Yao, Energy Specialist**

Hydro Continuous Optimization Program - finishing BCCOL by the end of February.

Need a Gap Analysis Meeting, ISO50001.

International Standard for energy management system.

Where is TRU regarding energy management.

<https://www.iso.org/iso-50001-energy-management.html>

Would like a representative from the Academic Side Faculty and/or a Dean.

**Action Item:** James/Lora will send out an email to the ESAC with some information.

James  
Gordon  
and Lora

**CAMPUS  
INFRASTRUCTURE  
REPORT**

**Report by Dillon Alexandre**

No Report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**a. None**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**NEXT MEETING  
ADJOURNMENT**

March 1, 2022 at 11:30 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 12:54 p.m.