



ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 4, 2023

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

HEADING	ITEM / DISCUSSION	ACTION
Present (voting):	Brad Harasymchuk (Chair), Catherine Tatarniuk, Christine Adam, Heather MacLeod, Kai Bauman, Lucas Maikapar, Scott Blackford, Shelley Church, Vernie Clement.	
Present (non-voting):	Anna Rogers, Pete Arkesteyn, Spencer Nevacshonoff, Carolyn Ives, Poonam Poonam, Bridget Chandakasirira	
Guests:	Tatiana Mueller, Doyinsola Sodamola	
Regrets (voting):	Elder Mike Arnouse, James Gordon, John Church, Maria Buff, Robyn Hollas, Warren Asuchak	
Regrets (non-voting):	Sierra Rae, Natalie Yao	
Recording Secretary:	Lora Sartori	
CALL TO ORDER	Brad Harasymchuk in the Chair. The meeting, being duly constituted for the conduct of business, started at 12:03 p.m.	
WELCOME & Territorial Acknowledgement	Brad conducted the Territorial Acknowledgement. A round of introductions.	
ADOPTION OF AGENDA & MINUTES	The October 4, 2023 Agenda was unanimously adopted as presented (Kai Bauman motion/Shelley Church 2 nd). The September 6, 2023 Minutes were adopted as presented with 1 abstention, Heather MacLeod (Kai Bauman motion/Shelley Church 2 nd).	

MOTIONS

a. **Biodiversity Subcommittee ToR for ESAC Approval – Shelley Church**



ToR Biodiversity
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Motion to approve the Biodiversity Subcommittee Terms of Reference as presented. (Shelley Church motion/
Catherine Tetarniuk 2nd)

Scott would like to review the ToRs prior to voting.

Motion tabled to the November 1, 2023 meeting.

b. **Zero-Waste Subcommittee ToR for ESAC Approval – Anna Rogers**



Terms of Reference
- 2023.docx

This motion to be tabled to the November 1, 2023 meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

a. **Report from Tatiana Mueller who attended the UNITE2030 Camp surrounding SDGs in New York in September, 2023.**

Tatiana is a 4th year Geography and Environmental Studies student.

Went to CAMP 2030 part of UNITE 2030. Attended under SDG 13, Climate Action.

<https://www.unite2030.com/>

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**BUSINESS ARISING
FROM MINUTES**

a. Vice-Chair Position - Brad Harasymchuk

Catherine Tatarniuk has put her name forward as vice-chair. Brad, for transparency, pointed out that Catherine is Brad's wife.

Motion: All in favour of Catherine becoming vice-chair of ESAC. Motion passed unanimously.

Scott - If there is a conflict, we may need a guest vice-chair.

**REPORTS OF
COMMITTEES**

a. Awards Sub-Committee – Report by Chris Adam and Brad Harasymchuk

New Award: Herbinlay Happy Planet Award – \$1,000 per year:

“Awarded annually to a Thompson Rivers University student in any year of study, who displays a keen interest in, and contributes to, environmental sustainability, through research, leadership, and career aspirations. Candidates will be submitted by faculty to a sub-committee of Environmental Advisory Committee who will select the winner.”

Deadline for Nominations for the following awards is February 26, 2023:

- Tom Owen Environmental Sustainability Award
- Environmental Sustainability Achievement Awards
- Herbinlay Happy Planet Award

<https://www.tru.ca/senate/committees/esac/awards.html>

Chris Adam will be stepping away from this Committee at the end of 2023. Reach out to Brad if interested in joining. Spencer N is interested in joining the committee.

b. ESAC Zero Waste Sub-Committee – Anna Rogers

Discussed Campus Garage Sale for 2024.

Many events happen on campus and need to help make them more sustainable.

Will be doing a BOMA Best waste audit in 7 buildings (5 houses, Science and Trades.)

Spencer N is interested in joining the committee.

- c. **ESAC Sustainable Purchasing Sub-Committee.**
Report by James Gordon, Chair.

No Report.

- d. **ESAC Core Theme Planning Committee**

Alana is no longer on the committee.

Brad will report back when he has information.

- e. **ESAC Biodiversity Sub-Committee – Report by Shelley Church**
Finalized ToR.

Talked about adding a page to Sustainable Website regarding Biodiversity.

Arboretum is making progress.

Hoping to put together presentation for Faculty Council.

New member challenge to all committee members.

- f. **TRU Sustainability Education in the Curriculum Sub-Committee – Carolyn Ives**

Crystal has stepped down as co-chair of Sustainability Education in the Curriculum. Looking for another co-chair.

Goals: To help faculty think about ways to integrate sustainability in their curriculum.

October 10 at 3:00 next meeting.

Newest Course: INDG 2100 Local Indigenous Approaches to Sustainability.

Paul Clark: Faculty and Staff Community of Practice
<https://tru.libcal.com/event/3753799>

Heather McLeod interested in this committee.

**MANAGER OF
SUSTAINABILITY
PROGRAMS
REPORT**

Report by James Gordon, Manager of Sustainability Programs

No Report

**ENERGY
PROJECTS REPORT**

Report by Natalie Yao, Energy Manager

No Report.

**CAMPUS
INFRASTRUCTURE
REPORT**

Report by Maria Buff, Director of Capital Projects

No Report

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Join an ESAC Subcommittee – Brad Harasymchuk
- i. Are community members external to TRU permitted to be on a subcommittee given members are not required to be elected to ESAC? – Shelley Church

Scott – Anything that the sub-committee does must be ratified by ESAC. Therefore, non-ESAC members can be on subcommittees.

If anyone is interested in joining a subcommittee reach out to each subcommittee and their chairs.

James and Brad will be making a video which will also talk about ESAC and Subcommittees. Will be able to show to Faculty Council for them to show it.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

NEXT MEETING November 1, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 1:14 p.m.