

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday January 9th, 2012

Time: 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Location: TRUSU Boardroom

ATTENDANCE

Present: D. Crespin-Mueller; T. Dickinson; L. Douglass; M. Harrison; H. Hove; J. Lam; S. Learie; B. MacKay; I. Rich-McQuay; D. Parkes; S. Purdy; L. Tabata; P. Tsigaris

Observer: A. McLellan

Regrets: J. Sparks; T. Owen; G. Read

Notetaker: K. Boyd

1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Peter Tsigaris in the Chair. The meeting was called to order at 4:33 pm.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

EPC has approved the Environmental Leadership certificate. The certificate will now go to Senate for formal approval and once approved it will be administered by the Centre for Student Engagement under Christine Adam, Dean of Students.

The SoBE Green Committee has a moodle page. All EAC members are welcome to access the page. The password is greensobe.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by I. Rich-McQuay, seconded by T. Dickinson. Carried.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by L. Douglass, seconded by S. Learie. Carried.

5. PLASTIC BOTTLE DISCUSSION

Committee discussed what action should be taken in response to two letters sent from the Canadian Beverage Association and Nestle to President Shaver.

There were two administrative responses to the letters:

1) President Shaver replied to the letters and stated that the EAC Terms of reference states the committee provides evidence based advice to Senate and the Board and the EAC will carefully consider the points made in the letter.

2) Cliff Neufeld charged Dr. Tom Owen with the responsibility of conducting a formal campus review on beverage containers.

The committee discussed various options:

-The EAC could set up a subcommittee to provide input on points raised within the two letters and additionally provide a formal presentation to T. Owen during the review process.

-Inform the supplier they will have a direct opportunity to make a presentation as part of the formal review and so the EAC will not respond directly to the points made in the letter.

-T. Owen's office could conduct an evidence-based review as requested and report back to the EAC. The EAC will then provide their recommendations to Senate, Board, and the President. Members of the EAC will be able to make presentations as individuals during the review process. T. Dickinson offered to assist T. Owen if needed.

After discussion the following motion was made:

Motion - Charge the Sustainability office with producing the report and provide results to the Environmental Advisory Committee. The EAC will then submit recommendations to the Senate, Board and President.

Moved by T. Dickinson seconded by S. Purdy. Carried

EAC members advised against inviting a Nestle representative to present at an EAC meeting and instead will suggest Nestle take part in the formal review process..

Action: P. Tsigaris will respond to Nestle and inform the representative that there is a formal process of review underway and provide information to contact T. Owen.

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT



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7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Action: Move S. Learie to the Human Subcommittee (Kaitlin)

Action: Send UnBottle it Report to P. Tsigaris. (Kaitlin)

The meeting was adjourned at 5:32 pm.