



MINUTES OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING
March 28, 2025 from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm
(Copper Room)

Present: Justin Liou, Victoria College, Sustainability Commissioner
Carly Jazbec, Emmanuel College Student Representative
Meadow MacDonald, Victoria College, Building President
Vikas Mehta, Interim COO, Sustainability Committee Chair
Jennifer Ankrett, CAO & Bursar
Anthony Yeung, Associate CAO, Financial & Revenue Services
Scott Johnston, Associate Dean, Office of the Dean of Students
Ajay Sharma, Associate Director, Hospitality Services

Absent: Anandita Vishnoi, Victoria College, Sustainability Co-Chair
Faith McDonald, Victoria College Student Representative
Kate Haliash, Victoria College, Student Representative

Guests: Marc Couture and Nicholas Tsui (Blackstone Energy)

Recording Secretary: Ivy Hussain, Administrative Manager, Infrastructure and Sustainability

Attendance: Vikas Mehta welcomed everyone.

Blackstone Energy Vic U Net 2050 Presentation; Questions and Answer Period followed.

Review and approval of previous minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes held on February 10, 2025, by Vikas Mehta and seconded by Justin Liou. Carried.

Business arising from previous meeting:

No business arising from the previous meeting.

New Business:

Scott Johnston presented the agenda items to reduce waste from residences at the academic year end. Scott Johnston and Justin Liou presented clothing or food drives, furniture and small appliance swaps at residences. Vikas Mehta remarked that the Annesley Hall vegetable garden last year managed by students with the guidance of Vic U's head grounds person was a success with roles and responsibilities of volunteers and the university clearly set. Vikas Mehta noted that success of the initiatives would require similar planning and unfortunately storage space is scarce at the Vic U. Jennifer Ankrett and Anthony Yeung requested further information regarding the proposed initiatives



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so that the administration could review their feasibility and insurance liabilities. Ajay Sharma noted that student Members should also include reminders to students to return Burwash Dining Hall items at year end. Members agreed that the initiatives would be fruitful in the future, and agreed further planning was required. Vikas Mehta confirmed that Infrastructure and Sustainability could bring qualified recyclers to help with the initiatives, however reiterated concern regarding safety of items, in particular appliance swaps. Vikas Mehta and Justin Liou shared that the University of Toronto has a swap shop, UofT Free store, that University of Toronto faculty, staff, and students can participate in, and that Vic U can work with the UofT Free store. Scott Johnston confirmed that the Dean's Office would work with students to plan for these future initiatives.

Post meeting update: 23/24 Sustainability report and 24/25 Sustainability initiatives posted at Vic U website [Sustainability » Victoria University](#).

Comments and questions:

There were no comments and questions.

Next Meeting:

To be held late September or early October 2025.