
MEETING NOTES

Friday 16 March 2012 / 8:30 – 11:00 am / AH527

MEMBERS T Chase (Chair), K Arbuthnott, L Benko, J Bergen, J Woytuik

REGRETS M Blackhurst, E Boyle, G Huang, D McMartin

GUESTS Dennis Fitzpatrick, Vice-President (Research)

1. **Call to order at 8:30 am; agenda received without changes**
2. **16 January 2012 meeting notes received without changes**
3. **Watch “Developing an Effective Campus-Wide Sustainability Committee”**- the webcast offered some suggestions that PACS will consider on future agendas (membership, size, constituencies, efficiency, and effectiveness).
4. **Dennis Fitzpatrick, Vice-President (Research,)** joined the meeting. Dr Fitzpatrick talked about his plans for future Centres and Institutes on campus. He wants the U of R to adopt a “bigger vision,” maximizing our resources and attracting external funding, integrating a variety of researchers and disciplines in new collaborative ways. Dr Fitzpatrick says we need to rethink the way C/I’s are structured to create a more sustainable platform. His five-year plan includes launching a new C/I each year.
Dr Fitzpatrick also mentioned the \$3.5m grant from SaskPower to focus on a clean-energy initiative. The U of R is using these funds to build a partnership with North China Electric Power University. This partnership will include student exchanges and will also see the hire of two new researchers (one in engineering and one in social sciences). This will grow the University’s profile and Dr Fitzpatrick believes there will also be unintended and profound benefits seen.
5. **Information and Updates from the Chair and PACS members -**
From the Chair: - PACS needs to start addressing **SPECIFIC SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES** (standing agenda item) such as
 - Campus Food and Drink
 - Curricular development and inventory for courses touching on sustainability
 - College Avenue Campus
 - Online courses
 - UR Early
 - Sustainability Awards
 - PACS webpage

- Space allocation and computer labs
- Internship program
- Seed money for projects
- Potage (Community Gardens)
- Sustainable landscaping (invite Dr Fidji Gendron, FNUniv)

The Chair suggested the following initiatives for the RCE Saskatchewan Education for Sustainable Development Recognition event on June 7, 2012: A) Facilities Management – ongoing initiatives to limit energy consumption costs B) Print Optimization Project.

The Chair advised that committee member Emmet Boyle is the first U of R “Certified Energy Manager.”

Lyle Benko updated members on a number of RCE initiatives, including a meet and greet reception for Dr Charles Hopkins, Senior Advisor to UNESCO’s Educating for a Sustainable Future Working Group on Wednesday, 21 March 3:30 – 4:30 ED Room 228.

Katherine Arbuthott has suggested that the University of Regina consider participating in the UI GreenMetric ranking (<http://greenmetric.ui.ac.id/>).

Jenn Bergen updated PACS members on the community garden initiative: An advisory committee has been established and a landscape architect hired. The garden will be located on the south side of the Library Building. The coordinator will be hired next week. The Project Launch is scheduled for Wednesday, 28 March at 1:30 – Dr Chase has been asked to provide greetings on behalf of PACS.

Jim Woytuik advised that the U of R has signed a beverage contract with Coca Cola. The contract doesn’t specify product but we will still have to work with Coca Cola on the bottled water topic (discussion on this issue taking place on 12 April).

6. ADJOURNMENT at 11:02 am

NEXT MEETING 12 April, 9:30 – 11:00 am (AH527)