
MEETING NOTES

Tuesday 27 September 2011 / 1:30 – 3:00 pm / AH206

MEMBERS T Chase (Chair), J Bergen, M Blackhurst, E Boyle, G Huang, D McMartin, R Petry, J Woytuik

REGRETS K Arbuthott

1. **Call to order at 1:30 pm; agenda received without changes**
2. **20 June 2011 meeting notes received without changes**
3. **Review of March and October discussion fora** – material received following the March 5 and October 14, 2010 fora contained board issues as well as specific suggestions for sustainability. One of the key messages heard was the need to align human wellbeing with sustainability initiatives (actions that serve both).
4. **ALTC Turnaround Leadership for Sustainability in Higher Education (January 2012 visit to Saskatchewan)** – the University of Regina will provide financial support (\$200) to assist with travel costs from Saskatoon to Regina for Professor Geoff Scott. The Provost's Office will work with Bill Coulthard at SIAST.
5. **Inspired Generations YOUTH CONFERENCE** – work continues on this initiative. Roger will provide an update at the next meeting.
6. **Specific environmental sustainability initiatives** – suggestions included environmental as well as human sustainability:
 - Promote the diversity of the campus, as well as the friendly and safe aspects of our city. Provide opportunities for interaction among the various ethnic/diverse populations. Understand that a welcoming, inclusive environment adds to human sustainability. Lots of good things happened this year (residence welcome, global showcase), however, much more work needs to be done.
 - PACS recognizes that universities are about more than the 'dissemination of knowledge'. It is also a physical community that provides a student experience and research opportunities; bringing people together in physical proximity has great value and it is the recommendation of PACS that the University continue to build and grow the physical space, including new residences with options for married couples and families. PACS also suggested a more critical approach to future building – ensuring that designs take long-term sustainability and environment issues into effect – we want to be a leader in environmentally-friendly innovative building. PACS suggested

that new construction could provide opportunities to advance research agendas and student projects.

- Sustainability projects need measurable results and may be built around a theme (e.g., waste). We need quick-win targets as well as long-range goals. Some suggestions: swap meets for furniture for students; composting on campus (Food Services); promote parking solutions (carpooling, bikes, Upass), ban on plastic bottled water.
- The elimination of paper pay stubs on campus will be brought forward to the President as an immediate sustainability measure (to be implemented at the end of the year).
- A web page will be developed where the University can feature its sustainability issues and the derived benefits (i.e. print optimization project, block-heater timers) what are the savings, and how are these savings being used. PACS recognizes the need to better communicate future sustainability initiatives and get buy-in from participants (learn from the mistakes made in the print optimization project).

7. Academic Program Review and sustainability – the APR provides a once-in-a-generation opportunity to assess and shape the University of Regina as the best comprehensive university in a prairie setting. Pressures on the public purse necessitate review and changes to current practices. Collective agreement positions will be honored and there will be student involvement in all aspects. There is a real need on campus to reduce the gulf between academic and non-academic areas – we need to recognize that everything is either direct teaching/research related or indirect teaching/research related. We can use the APR to plan for long-term sustainability.

8. Other Business – possible future agenda items include:

- Invite someone from Communications
- Invite VPR Dennis Fitzpatrick to talk about the future of various centres and institutes
- Explore adding “Sustainability” as a degree designation (not faculty specific)

9. ADJOURNMENT at 3:05

NEXT MEETING tba
