
MEETING NOTES

Wednesday 10 April 2013 / 9:30 – 11:00 am / AH 206

MEMBERS T Chase (Chair), K Arbuthnott, L Benko, J Crivea, D McMartin, N Wagner

RESOURCE C Reyda

GUEST Taneal Brucks, UR Sustainability Club

ABSENT A Dipple, URSU Rep, K Petersen, GSA Rep, J Woytuik

1. **Call to order at 9:30 am; agenda received with additions – Establish New Policy on Sustainability; Business Arising from the 16 January 2013 meeting notes: RCE updates.**
2. **16 January 2013 meeting notes received without changes.**
3. **UR Sustainability Club** – Taneal Brucks joined the meeting. Ms Brucks updated PACS members on the objectives of this newly created student group. The Club has 20 active members with at least 110 on an email distribution list. UR Sustainability hopes to involve students, faculty and staff in supporting existing sustainability initiatives (car share, waste reduction, transportation etc) as well promoting new sustainability objectives (promoting local organic food, establishing a national food charter etc.). They are hoping to work in collaboration with PACS specifically in the creation of a Sustainability Centre. They will be looking to students (via a student levy) to help fund such a Centre, as well as contributions from RPRIG and the University administration. Ms Brucks provided PACS with a document (Appendix I) that explain the roles of their executive positions and also highlights some of their upcoming plans for the summer of 2013. PACS has agreed in principle to support and work with UR Sustainability and welcomes input into how this may be achieved.
4. **Business Arising from the 19 December 2012 meeting notes:**
 - i) **Strat Planning Ad Hoc Committee report** – Carol Reyda provided an overview on behalf of the Strat Planning Ad Hoc Committee of the draft Sustainability Strategic Plan (SAP). The plan looks at long-term planning – resources to establish and execute a plan, as well as an action plan for 2013-2014 which focuses on one or two issues with measurable end results. PACS agreed for the immediate future to look **at the cluster of issues around parking/car sharing/public transportation** as well as **food-waste reduction and management**. It was agreed that a prime focus for 2014-15 should be **water**. It was further agreed that PACS will take the lead on announcing/implementing plans for these sustainability actions. Members are encouraged to come up with incentives / disincentives / strategies to assist achieving these focus goals.

5. Business Arising from the 16 January 2013 meeting notes:

- i) **Print Optimization Project Update (report)** – The report speaks to the success of the Print Optimization project but there is still work to be done to get all areas on board. It is recognized that printing in general on campus requires further education and behavioral changes.
- iii) **RCE Recognition Event update (nominations from U of R)** – Carol, in conjunction, with Rebecca in the President's Office, is working on a nomination for Parking and Transportation Services and their work. Jocelyn advised that a nomination is also being entered for PARC (research). Lyle updated PACS members on the 8 May event in Nipawin itself, the expected guests and representatives and various initiatives that will be presented.

6. Updates from the Interim Sustainability Coordinator et al

- **Pesticide / Herbicide use on Campus** – Nelson advised that a sub committee (Darren Cherwaty, Chair, Director Health, Safety and Environment, reps from Facilities Management, reps Wascana Centre Authority and Dr Tanya Dahms) has been meeting and exploring options to reduce pesticide / herbicide use on campus. They will continue to research alternatives.
- **2013 Paragon Awards** – The University of Regina received the Environmental Excellence Award at the recent Paragon Awards. Nelson Wagner accepted on behalf of the U of R.
- **Sustainability Coordinator Position** – Facilities Management expects to receive funding for a ½ time Sustainability Coordinator position effective 1 May 2013. The Office of the Provost will assist with funding a co-op student over the summer to assist Carol.
- **Edible Campus** – PACS will provide \$3,000 in funding to support the Edible Campus project. Carol will advise F Dupré and work with Brenda to transfer the funds in the upcoming fiscal year.
- **Regina Farmers Market** – Carol is still in discussion with the Regina Farmers Market to have them come onto campus. Parking and space accommodations have been made just waiting to hear from the RFM following their annual general meeting.
- **Car Share** – Parking and Transportation Services are working to have a car share in place on campus by September. The University of Saskatchewan has entered into a car share arrangement with Enterprise Car Rental and the U of R may be able to 'piggy-back' onto that agreement. Regina Car Share will, given their initial presentation to PACS, be invited to make a proposal.
- **Day of Sustainability** – Carol is working with RPRIG and Student Services to host a Day of Sustainability event in the fall.
- **Waste Diversion Project** – Facilities Management is working on a waste diversion project (i.e recycle drywall etc).
- **RCE** – Lyle Benko updated members on RCE activities including the recent meeting in Lima Peru and a pilot project that includes aboriginal students.
- **UNECE Steering Committee for Education for Sustainable Development** – Tom advised via Garth Pickard that Dr Gerald Farthing, DM of Education and Advanced Education for Manitoba chaired the international committee; Dr Farthing will be on Campus in April as part of the upcoming Humanities dialogue.
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7. Sustainability Policy – As a result of new protocols for policies (statement and consequences) the old sustainability policy has been removed from the P&P. Carol and the rest of the Strategic Planning Ad Hoc Committee will draft a new policy for the committee’s consideration.

8. ADJOURNMENT at 11:00 AM

NEXT MEETING 8 May 2013, 9:30 – 10:45 AM (AH206)

For future PACS discussion:

- Water Management – Nelson in coordination with Dena.
- Compost Study Report (16 January)
- New Sustainability Policy
- Brian Saunders, Architect, New Residence Project
- Tracy Kondratiuk, Market Research Analyst, City of Regina
- Sustainability and its contribution to the policy renewal project. Carol Reyda will connect with Annette Revet.