
MEETING NOTES

Wednesday 12 June 2013 / 9:30 – 10:45 am / AH 527

- MEMBERS** T Chase (Chair), L Benko, S Khelifa (Sustainability Intern), D McMartin, B Paterson (URSU Rep), C Reyda, N Wagner
- GUEST** Erin Limacher, Manager Strategic Communications, External Relations
- ABSENT** K Arbuthnott, J Crivea, K Peterson (GSA Rep), J Woytuik
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- 1. Call to order at 9:30 am. Agenda received.** Dr Chase welcomed Sahar Khelifa, Sustainability Intern, to the PACS meeting. Sahar will be assisting Carol Reyda over the summer on sustainability initiatives for the University of Regina.
- 2. Meeting notes of 8 May 2013 received without emendation.**
- 3. Business Arising from the meeting notes of 8 May** - Carol, on behalf of the Sub-Committee of PACS, presented the proposed Sustainability Strategic Plan. She noted the \$20,000 resource allocation indicated in the proposal (hopeful that the 'consultant' can be found using U of R expertise). It is important to link the Sustainability Strategic Plan to the Campus Master Plan. PACS will also need to consider long-term sustainability issues such as more online offerings in response to student demand; over time repurposing personal office space to shared space; moderating energy consumption in heating and cooling buildings which are underused during certain times, etc. Students are key to long-term sustainability plans.
PACS endorsed the proposed Sustainability Strategic Plan Process. No resource commitments were made. The Chair will now bring the proposed process forward to President Timmons for approval and implementation.
- 4. Business Arising from the meeting notes of 10 April 2013**– no business arising.
- 5. Sustainability Themes for 2013-2014** – PACS discussed the two themes for 2013-2014 revolving around Transportation and Food, and some of the objectives of these themes. Carol Reyda advised that with respect to Transportation, Car Share is expected on Campus (15 August 2013). Initially one car will be provided. Enterprise Rent a Car is the supplier and they will continually assess demand and respond appropriately. In addition, URSU is seriously considering a referendum in the fall regarding UPass. It is hoped that faculty and staff will also be able to take advantage of UPass.
PACS endorses and supports the themes for 2013-14 of Transportation and Food. The Chair will advise President Timmons on the committee's recommendation and seek approval for same. Pending approval, Carol was also given the go ahead to form two subcommittees comprised of PACS members and engaged

U of R members to work on outcomes / messaging / awareness of these sustainability initiatives, with PACS providing oversight.

6. Communication Strategies – Erin Limacher joined the meeting to discuss ways and means to assist with the communication requirements around the Transportation and Food Sustainability themes for 2013-2014. “How can the Communications and Marketing team support your goals?” attached as Appendix I. It was agreed that the best way forward is for Carol and Erin to continue their conversation, and begin drafting messaging (starting with Car Share). Committee members offered to help as required. It was noted that prior to wide-spread messaging, it would be helpful to understand the ‘mood’ of the campus on sustainability issues.

7. Update from the Interim Sustainability Coordinator

Nelson Wagner advised the committee that the Sustainability Coordinator position has been funded half-time (no longer interim). The position is housed in Facilities Management, giving FM a clear mandate for supporting sustainability matters on campus – an issue they take very seriously. A funding org has been established to capture revenue and expenses associated with sustainability initiatives on campus.

A Sustainability Working Group, coordinated through Carol Reyda as Sustainability Coordinator, involving interested faculty, staff and students, has been struck. It is anticipated that this working group, among other things, will receive proposals for sustainability projects and provide seed money and volunteers for same.

October 2013 has been declared Sustainability **Month**. In tandem with other groups on campus there will be a number of events occurring over the course of the month all with sustainability at the core. Carol would like to hear PACS thoughts on registering for STARS (Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System). The Registration fee (\$900) is not really the concern, more so the time required filling out the application form. The collection of this data will be required whether or not the U of R registers with STARS as this data will help establish a current benchmark by which the U of R can assess its progress on sustainability initiatives on campus. PACS will return to this item in September.

Please visit the PACS website <http://www.uregina.ca/president/committees/committee-on-sustainability.html> for information on the recent RCE Recognition Awards held in May in Nipawin. You will find the list of University of Regina and its federated college winners and a link to the RCE website for further information.

8. ADJOURNMENT at 11:05 AM

NEXT MEETING 18 September 2013, 8:30 – 10:00 AM (AH 527)

For future PACS discussion:

- Water Management – Nelson in coordination with Dena.
- Compost Study Report (16 January)
- Sustainability and its contribution to the policy renewal project. Carol Reyda will connect with Annette Revet.
- Sustainability Policy (Carol Reyda)
- STARS registration (Carol Reyda 12 June)

- PACS Membership