
MEETING NOTES

Wednesday 19 December 2012 / 2:00 – 3:00 pm / AH527

MEMBERS T Chase (Chair), K Arbuthnott, J. Crivea, A Dipple, D McMartin, K Peterson, R Petry, N Wagner, J Woytuik

RESOURCE C Reyda

REGRETS L Benko

1. **Call to order at 2:00 pm; agenda received. An additional item number 4 was added – Hard Rain Project & Invitation to RCE’s from The Americas Meeting (R Petry).**
2. **07 November 2012 meeting notes received without changes. Business Arising from the 07 November meeting will be addressed at the 16 January, 2013 meeting. Regarding item #3 from the 07 meeting notes, the Office of the Provost and Vice-President (Academic) will cover the cost of membership in the AASHE (Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education) for this year. Brenda and Carol will coordinate.**
3. **Strategic Planning for Sustainability** – Carol Reyda made a presentation (attached as Appendix I). A Sustainability Plan would address - A5 “Make the University a leader in environmental responsibility. Put sustainability at the core of our teaching, research, and campus life” of the 2009-2014 Strategic Plan, as well as the Campus Master Plan - “The university strives to attain the highest quality of sustainability possible. It is proud of its sustainability goals and initiatives and strives to make them as visible as possible. This hopes to foster a campus mindset that actively respects and continually questions how to reduce human impact on the local environment.”

Sustainability plans are somewhat new but an overview of such documents/areas at other universities indicate that most (if not all) are consultative, and have a smaller working group prepare a draft plan which would have senior level support going forward.

There was consensus to involve students in identifying sustainability projects on campus via their coursework (e.g. currently students are working on 1) new irrigation plan for the campus 2) Permeable pavement options 3) Assessment of current recycling programs 4) Food waste on campus). University faculty, staff and students could be invited to suggest projects. The new PACS webpage could be used to better communicate sustainability initiatives etc. That page is online at <http://www.uregina.ca/president/committees/committee-on-sustainability.html>.

PACS sees itself as a body that would help close the loop between project initiative = project work = project end = and project report. PACS would receive the project report and would communicate to the

campus/community current sustainability initiatives as well as help coordinate furthering sustainability projects.

As per the PACS Terms of Reference a Sub (Ad Hoc) Committee was struck with the following membership:

Carol Reyda (Chair)

Jocelyn Crivea

Anna Dipple

Dena McMartin (or Katherine Arbuthnott)

The Ad Hoc Committee was tasked with strategizing a project plan with 4-5 themes and return to PACS at its 6 March meeting with a draft. The Ad Hoc Committee was encouraged to look for areas of collaboration with other areas on campus, as well as the University of Saskatchewan and / or SIAST. Goals to consider include – energy consumption, water use, waste management, enrollments in 10 years (campus physical capacity, online and other mediated modes of delivery).

4. Hard Rain Project – Roger Petry (attached as Appendix II). 2015 exhibition – University Tour – UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). This item will return to the 16 January meeting for further discussion. Roger also spoke to the invitation (attached as Appendix III) “The Second RCE’s from the Americas Meeting 28 February – 2 March, Lima – Peru, 2013”. Anyone interested in attending should contact Roger directly.

5. **ADJOURNMENT at 3:15 pm**

NEXT MEETING 16 January 2013, 9:30 – 11:00 am (AH 206)