

Agenda

Thursday 20 September 2012 / 9:30 - 11:00 am / AH527

AT/BY	ITEM	SUBJECT	PAGES
9:30	1	Welcome and call to order	
	2	Receipt of agenda and 25 May meeting notes	1-3
9:35	3	<i>Tanya Dahms, presentation re pesticide/herbicide issues on campus</i>	
10:00	4	<i>John Klein, President Regina Car Share & Gwen Evans, Manager, Parking & Transportation Services (see minutes 25 May)</i>	
10:20	5	<i>Farmer's Market – followup discussion (see Minutes 25 May)</i>	
10:45	6	<i>Standing Agenda Item – Specific Sustainability Initiatives (Chair)</i>	4
11:00	7	<i>Adjournment</i>	

PACS 2012 & 2013 meeting dates
7 November, 16 January, 6 March, 8 May

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MEETING NOTES

Friday 25 May 2012 / 9:30 – 11:30 am / AH527

MEMBERS	T Chase (Chair), K Arbuthnott, R Petry, K Peterson, E Boyle, G Huang, D McMartin
REGRETS	A Dibble, J Woytuik
GUESTS	J Metcalfe, Registrar; A Bennet, Manager, Regina Farmers' Market; N Wagner, Associate Vice-President (Facilities Management)

1. **Call to order at 9:32 am; agenda received without changes**
2. **12 March 2012 meeting notes received without changes**
3. **Car Share** – PACS continued their discussion from the 12 April meeting. PACS supports, in principle, the notion of Car Share; however, decided to defer any recommendation to the President pending further discussions with the Manager, Parking and Transportation Services and John Klein, President Regina Car Share Cooperative together. This item will return to PACS with Gwen Evans and John Klein in attendance.
4. **Bottled Water** - PACS continued their discussion from the 12 April meeting and the following motion of recommendation to the President was made:

M/S McMartin/Arbuthnott: "The President's Advisory Committee on Sustainability recommends to the President that Facilities Management and student groups work together to deploy another three water-filling stations around campus during the current calendar year."

CARRIED

A further motion of recommendation was made:

M/S Petry/Arbuthnott: "The President's Advisory Committee on Sustainability recommends to the President that the Campus move to ban bottled water by the end of the calendar year."

CARRIED

5. **"Sustainability" as a degree designation** – Dr Metcalfe joined the meeting. Data show that most (American) schools use the sustainability designation as a minor (usually in geography or biology). Dr Metcalfe suggested that 3-4 courses bundled together would meet the minor criteria, but would first require approval through the appropriate academic bodies (faculty councils, CCAUS, FGSR). He cautioned using a 'trendy' designation: it is costly and potentially short-lived. One suggestion was looking at Simon Fraser University whereby students receive credit hours for writing a report that is received by their Sustainability Committee. The sustainability designation would be similar to the international

designation implemented a few years ago – the intent of which was to raise awareness in faculties to include international courses in their course offerings.

It was also suggested that this be looked at in conjunction with the restructuring associated with the Academic Program Review.

- 6. Regina Farmers' Market on campus** – Ms Bennett joined the meeting. The Regina Farmers' Market (RFM) is interested in coming to campus on Mondays (9:30 – 1:30 or evening) from May-October to sell quality, local-grown produce. During the outdoor season, they would require setup space for about 35 vendors plus power capability. They would like indoor space during the October-December/March-April season as well and would require about 1000 square feet. The RFM anticipates that upwards of 4,000 people in total may be expected to frequent the market during open hours. Vendors pay the RFM cooperative and in order to keep vendors costs down, the RFM is not currently looking to rent campus space for these purposes.

Parking is an immediate concern. A suggestion to use a shuttle service to bus students/faculty/staff to the existing Market on Wednesdays/Saturdays was made. Another option is the 'box program' whereby customers pay a set cost for the season (i.e. \$200) and boxes of produce/goods are delivered once a week on campus for pickup.

Following further discussion with key areas on campus (Facilities Management, Parking etc), the Chair will advise Ms Bennet of the committee's recommendation.

- 7. Standing Agenda items – Specific Sustainability Initiatives** – The Chair reported on two initiatives – "Potage" community garden is well underway. UR Early enrollments are looking very good in these pilot courses in the fall.
- 8. Article "Ways to Facilitate sustainable pro-environmental behavior (PEB) among employees"** – received for information.
- 9. Draft PACS Annual Report** – Members are asked to review the draft report and get back to Brenda with any changes by end of day on Monday. The report will then be finalized and submitted to Executive of Council as required by PACS Terms of Reference.
- 10. RCE Recognition Event** – The President's Advisory Committee on Sustainability and 21 other recipients will be recognized on Thursday 7 June. Dr Arbuthnott will represent PACS. Brenda will advise RCE and will also provide them with photos of the campus for use in the slide presentation that will display as Dr Arbuthnott refers to the Annual Report as she outlines the Committee's work to date.

11. ADJOURNMENT at 11:30 am

NEXT MEETING 25 May, 9:30 – 11:30 am (AH527)

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)

Suggested Agenda Items:

- Institutional sustainability in the face of declining public funds – Funding Model for the U of R (Office of Research Services)
- Presentation “Comprehensive Solutions for Higher Education” Phil Cook,