
MEETING NOTES

Wednesday 07 November 2012 / 9:30 – 11:00 am / AH527

MEMBERS C Reyda (Chair), K Arbuthnott, L Benko, J. Crivea, A Dipple

RESOURCE C Reyda

REGRETS T Chase, K Peterson, D McMartin, N Wagner, J Woytuik,

GUESTS Naomi Beingessner & Frédéric Dupré

The issue of quorum was raised. The Chair asked for the consent of the in-attendance committee members to proceed with the meeting. Consent was given. It was decided that in the case of items that presented by guests to the committee, the guests would be apprised of the situation and given the opportunity to have their item moved to a subsequent meeting at which quorum was achieved. The guests of the item #4 noted below chose to proceed with the members present.

- 1. Call to order at 9:30 am;** agenda received with one additional agenda item “RCE partnership news.”
- 2. 20 September 2012 meeting notes received without changes.** (The Pesticide/herbicide item will return to the January 2013 meeting when Nelson Wagner is available to update PACS on his discussions with Wascana Centre Authority.)
- 3. Report from Interim Sustainability Coordinator (C Reyda)** – The RFM is looking at space to accommodate an indoor market (March/April & September/October) and an outdoor market (May/June/July) - planning continues with the Parking Office and the Faculty of Kinesiology and Health Studies. Carol attended a conference of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) and recommends that the U of R considering become a member. Carol and Jocelyn met with the University of Saskatchewan’s Office of Sustainability and heard their work on a sustainability plan among other things. It will be beneficial to partner with a similar institution such as the U of S.
- 4. Regina’s Edible Campus** – Naomi Beingessner & Frédéric Dupré joined the meeting. They spoke to the Report regarding The Shared Garden; Le Potager and The Green Patch for spring/summer 2012 and presented their proposal for 2013. Some of the challenges from last year were – underestimates on the costs involved (particularly the coordinator); challenge getting volunteers out; lack of communication to the campus. The major costs associated with the 2013 budget are increased time and responsibilities for the coordinator and planters for possible garden expansion to the platforms. The submission was accepted as submitted and will be considered as part of the University’s budget process. Ms Beingessner and Mr Dupré will be advised of the outcome as soon as possible. PACS will return to this item for further discussion on how PACS may assist with communication, how PACS may assist in encouraging faculty/staff to volunteer their time (Mr Dupré suggested providing faculty and staff with time during working hours to volunteer at the gardens) and helping identify alternate funding.

5. **People's Sustainability Treaty on Higher Education** – Lyle Benko spoke further to the email attached on pg 9 of the agenda package. Lyle talked about the variety of signatories to the Treaty and the possibility of the University of Regina entering into the Treaty and becoming a University-leader in sustainable practices. The PACS members present support the notion of entering into the Treaty and discussing further with more members present.

6. **RCE Partnership News** - Lyle advised PACS members of the recognition the RCE received at the 7th Global RCE Conference (letter attached). He also brought for the committee a book *Towards More Sustainable Consumption and Production Systems and Sustainable Livelihoods* Chapter 9 was written by Roger Petry, Garth Pickard and Daryl Hepting and Chapter 15 was also written by Roger Petry. The book is available from Brenda Olson if you wish to review it.

7. **Green Campus Summit 2013** – provided for information only.

8. **Proposal – U of R Sustainability Champions** – Jocelyn Crivea spoke further to the document attached on pgs 11-12 of the agenda package. Jocelyn proposed a sub-committee or working group of PACS that reviews/coordinates all current sustainability initiatives underway and helps promote them on campus, involve faculty and staff, helps with challenges, communicates successes etc. Jocelyn and Carol will meet to further define how such a committee would be structured and return to PACS in January for further discussion.

9. **Standing Agenda Items – Specific Sustainability Initiatives** – Carol reported on the recycling initiative that Facilities Management is discussing with Crown Shred and Recycling and the water bottle refilling stations – currently five and looking at adding more. Carol also advised that there is a compost study underway and when the report is available it will be presented to PACS.

10. **ADJOURNMENT at 11:00 am** **NEXT MEETING 16 January 2013, 9:30 – 11:00 am (location tba)**