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## MEETING NOTES

Wednesday 8 May 2013 / 9:30 – 10:30 am / AH 206

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**MEMBERS** T Chase (Chair), K Arbuthnott, J Crivea, N Wagner, B Paterson (URSU Rep), J Woytuik

**GUEST** Neil Paskewitz, Director of Planning Design and Construction, Facilities Management

**ABSENT** L Benko/R Petry, D McMartin, C Murphy, K Peterson (GSA Rep), C Reyda

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**1. Call to order at 9:30 am. Agenda received.**

**2. Meeting notes of 10 April 2013 received without emendation.**

**3. New Residence Project** - Neil Paskewitz, Director of Planning Design and Construction, Facilities Management, joined the meeting. Neil provided an overview of the new residence footprint, location and sustainability initiatives. Highlights of the new building will include – 150 underground parking stalls, 90 spot Day Care housed on the main floor, motion sensors in all rooms, energy-efficient shade and cool windows, infloor heating etc. Water efficiencies include – low-flow fixtures (showerheads, toilets), and waterless urinals. They are looking at using Wascana Lake as a reservoir for rainwater. Bottle-fill stations will also be available in the new buildings.

PACS has asked that the designers also consider composting stations (in addition to the planned recycle locations) and potential gardening space for children in daycare.

When the building is nearing completion (Fall of 2015) it would be great if PACS could get a tour.

**4. Interim Sustainability Coordinator Update** – report received for information from Carol Reyda. The Sustainability Strategic Plan will come back to PACS for the 12 June meeting for feedback. Meeting with the UR Sustainability Club is providing good ideas and synergies.

**5. Chair's Remarks** – The Board of Governors approved the 2013-2014 Operating Budget. Anticipate that next year's government funding will be just as straitened; will be looking to PACS to continue finding sustainability initiatives to assist the University in its academic mission. Recent cuts to Alberta's educational funding may result in an influx of potential students from Calgary to the U of R. If we can successfully recruit students from Calgary we may be able to build an enrollment stream for the future. Nelson reported that funding has been put in place for a ½ time Sustainability Coordinator (Carol Reyda) for next year; as well, five more water-bottle filling stations have been added on campus. Facilities Management is going to work with the City on the Transit Employee Pass Program and URSU has indicated that they are considering another referendum regarding the UPass program. PACS would be interested in having a strategy around transit that involves faculty, staff and students in the Fall 2013.

**6. ADJOURNMENT at 10:23 AM**

**NEXT MEETING 12 June 2013, 9:30 – 10:30 AM (TBA)**

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**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.