
MEETING NOTES

Wednesday 14 May 2014 / 8:30 – 10:00 am / AH 527

MEMBERS K Arbuthnott, L Benko, D Cherwaty, J Crivea, C Reyda, Alberto Ortiz (*student intern*), N Wagner(Chair), D Zemlak (*URSU Undergraduate Rep*)

REGRETS T Chase

1. **Call to order at 8:30 am.** Nelson welcomed the new student intern Alberto Ortiz and the new URSU undergraduate student representative Daniella Zemlak.

2. **Agenda approved as received.** Meeting notes of 26 March 2014 received without emendation.

3. **Update from the Sustainability Coordinator:**

Carol spoke to her report (Attachment 1). She mentioned also that the Steering Committee for Sustainability & Community Engagement Fund continues to meet and develop guidelines for projects. They anticipate a call for project submissions sometime in the fall. Carol will continue to keep PACS advised of her work, which includes meeting with the Strategic Plan Facilitation Team.

4. **RCE Updates**

Lyle Benko spoke to recent RCE events (Attachment 2) and provided verbal highlights of same. He added that there was disappointment that no senior administration attended the events on 7 or 8 May 2014 but understood the conflict with Board of Governor meetings on those days. In the future, planning for such events, will take into consideration availability of senior administration as much as is possible. One outcome that Lyle would like to see PACS undertake, as a result of the 8 May event, is to invite Dr John Robinson to skype into a PACS meetings with a view to exploring other models (UBC campus) of sustainable operations and policy in institutes of higher education with the intent of the University of Regina as a “Living Laboratory Community” on sustainability; PACS will return to this suggestion at the next meeting.

5. **Terms of Reference**

PACS reviewed the revised Terms of Reference and agreed to all suggested edits. The following motion was raised:

K Arbuthnott/D Cherwaty – *PACS approves the Terms of Reference with suggested changes.*

CARRIED

The revised TOR will be provided to President Timmons. During discussions it was noted the committee is evolving, maintaining its advisory role to the President, but with the addition of the Sustainability Coordinator, becoming more able to provide an action/operational role as well. PACS will explore how it can help the U of R in its sustainability strategies and how it can incorporate such action into future TOR.

6. Lotus Pro System demonstration

PACS members were shown a demonstration of chemical free cleaning products.

7. ADJOURNMENT at 10:00 AM 527)

NEXT MEETING 18 June 2014 8:30 – 10:00 AM (AH

For future PACS discussion:

- Water Management – Nelson.
- Sustainability and its contribution to the policy renewal project. Carol Reyda will connect with Annette Revet.
- Sustainability Policy (Carol Reyda)
- Public transit and UPass for students and staff
- Bottled water and “junk” water on campus – what are the costs?
- Health/fitness of campus community as it impacts general health care usage and costs, as well as campus life, including working environment, stress, sick time: can the University lead the way in new thinking about the relationship between individuals’ health, a healthy working environment, and an affordable healthcare system?