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## MEETING NOTES

Wednesday 20 November 2013 / 8:30 – 10:00 am / AH 527

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<b>MEMBERS</b>	T Chase (Chair), K Arbuthnott, L Benko, D Cherwaty, J Crivea, B Paterson (URSU Rep), C Reyda, N Wagner
<b>GUEST</b>	Taneal Brucks, Sustainability Co-op Intern
<b>REGRETS</b>	D McMartin

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**1. Call to order at 8:30 am. Agenda received with the addition of a discussion item “Budget Line.”**

**2. Meeting notes of 18 September 2013 received without emendation**

**3. Business Arising from the meeting notes of 18 September**

- **UR Sustainability Month Assessment.** Carol updated PACS members on the success of the first ever UR Sustainability month. Stats indicated very favorable participation and the objective of raising awareness appears to have been met based on survey responses following the events. In particular there was good support for the Compositing Workshop and the Reart Competition. Next year will see improvements made, including increasing student/class participation, strategically connecting people with focused sustainability initiatives, shorter duration and/or spread out over the year, perhaps add an advocacy action project. It was noted that without the assistance of the student intern, this initiative would not have been possible. Our thanks to Taneal!
- **Sustainability Strategic Plan 2014-2017.** President Timmons has approved the plan. Carol will lead with next steps in implementing the Plan, the first being sending out the “U of R Sustainability Strategic Plan Survey.” Carol will work with External Relations and URSU to use social media in spreading the word about the survey.

**4. Presentation – Water Conservation on Campus**

Undergraduate student Devon Peters provided a presentation on water conservation on Campus. The presentation included tips and recommendations specific to external water consumption (irrigation, landscaping etc.). Some of the recommendations are being explored in other areas (Facilities Management discussions with Wascana Centre Authority, the Herbicide/Pesticide Committee, a permaculture test plot in coordination with RPRIG, etc.). Devon stressed the need to promote a culture of water conservation on campus, both external and internal.

**5. Update from the Sustainability Coordinator**

Carol reminded PACS members that the Regina Farmers Market is on campus every Thursday (currently in the Multi-purpose Room in the Riddell Centre). She reported on a couple of conferences she has attended which have offered networking and outreach opportunities as well as speaking on sustainability initiatives on campus to various classes.

## 6. Budget Line

PACS is interested in establishing a budget line to ensure funding for the Sustainability Coordinator and student intern position as well as seed money for worthwhile future projects. In the campus context of arguments for cuts to such budget items, members of PACS can help make the case and ensure that the University community in general supports such activities. Please forward suggestions to Carol so that she may incorporate language into a budget proposal document.

## 7. Update from the Chair

None.

## 8. Other Business

Lyle Benko updated PACS members on the success of a number of RCE initiatives including the visits of Won Byun in early October and Geoff Scott on 28 October. Also, RCE reps Roger Petry and Lyle Benko will participate in person and virtually in the 2013 Global RCE Conference 26-29 November in Nairobi, Kenya ([http://rce-network.org/portal/Global\\_Conference](http://rce-network.org/portal/Global_Conference)).

**Transit update** – UPass may be gaining interest among students. The U of R continues to work with Regina Transit to improve transportation to the campus, and to encourage members of the University community to consider public transit to and from campus.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT at 10:00 AM

**NEXT MEETING 22 January 2014 8:30 – 10:00 AM (AH 527)**

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### For future PACS discussion:

- Water Management – Nelson in coordination with Dena.
- Compost Study Report (confirmed with Jeeshan Ahmed)
- 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?