
MEETING NOTES

Wednesday 26 March 2014 / 8:30 – 10:00 am / AH 527

MEMBERS T Chase (Chair), K Arbuthnott, L Benko, D Cherwaty, B Paterson (URSU Rep), C Reyda, Nwakaku Okere (*student intern*), N Wagner

GUESTS J Piwowar

REGRETS J Crivea, D McMartin

1. Call to order at 8:30 am.

2. Agenda approved as received. Meeting notes of 22 January 2014 received with minor correction.

3. Strategic Plan 2014-2017

Dr Joseph Piwowar, Chair of the Strategic Plan Facilitation Team, joined the meeting. Dr Piwowar updated PACS members on the current and future work of the SP Facilitation Team: McNair Business Consultants assisting with data collection & analysis, including an environmental scan; Strategic Plan Kick-off, Friday 4 April 10:00 a.m. “Crush” area Riddell Centre; Open consultations April – mid-May; social media (webpage, online forums, blog); targeted groups – students and staff; ‘teaser’ questions to engage U of R community members and stimulate discussion; meeting with external groups and partners (i.e. City of Regina, School Boards, SIAST, Advanced Education, etc). A working draft for discussion is expected by the end of June and a final copy by early September/October to Council, Senate and BOG for approvals.

PACS made the following suggestions: Build sustainability issues into the Strategic Plan – consider sustainability efforts throughout the development of the Plan using ‘a sustainable mindset’ to make those connections; incorporate the Sustainability Strategic Plan into the 2014-19 Strategic Plan; Move from concept to action – the Strategic plan needs to support the Sustainability Plan; key performance indicators (KPI) that are sustainability issues; consider having a Facilities Management person at the Open Sessions to ensure that content/background is provided around sustainability to get informed feedback; use student societies and professors to engage the student population.

Dr Piwowar offered to return to PACS at any time to update members on the progress of the Strategic Plan.

4. Update from the Sustainability Coordinator

Carol referred to her report, appended to the agenda (pgs 4-33), and expanded on a few areas (CarShare, Edible Campus, STARS training). Nelson advised that the U of R have asked Wascana Centre Authority for an estimate to maintain the second level podium roof (designed as a green roof with plants on it) of the RIC building. The estimate received was \$7,000 per year. PACS may want to consider looking at the expansion of the edible campus to include this area. Carol also noted that the AASHE membership has been renewed.

Update from PACS Sub-Committee – Katherine spoke to the report appended to the agenda (pg 34) adding that the Visioning Sessions were well received with lots of stimulating, interesting conversations around sustainability on campus. A special thank you to Sue Mitten in HR for helping to facilitate the sessions.

5. Update from the Chair

A 'black-line' version of the Terms of Reference will be provided at the next meeting for further discussion.

Regarding the suggestion to add a representative to PACS from First Nations University of Canada, it was agreed to keep the committee membership at its current size but to include a first nation's person (faculty, staff or student) in the sub-committee capacity. Dr McMartin, in her new position as Associate Vice-President (Academic), will no longer sit on PACS – her 'academic membership' will remain vacant until 1 July when the President appoints new members.

6. Other Business

Nelson updated PACS members on the partnership with Sask Power (Industrial Energy Optimization Program of which the U of R has now been added). Sask Power will help fund projects/proposals with an energy saving focus. They have assigned an Engineering Advisor to help identify projects. Also the partnership with Johnson Controls, looking at 'novel' energy projects (maybe in conjunction with the Sask Power initiative).

Nelson also advised that Facilities Management is exploring chemical-free cleaning products which are better for the environment and worker safety and that the University of Regina will be featured in an upcoming issue of *Design, Develop, Construct* with respect to the Residence Project.

Lyle updated PACS members on upcoming RCE initiatives including 7 May 2014 – RCE Recognition Event taking place at Government (looking for nominations and sponsorship); RCE Saskatchewan/U of R Faculty of Engineering/APEGS: "Roundtable on Climate Change Sustainability" for 6 May 2014 at the U of R – there may be an opportunity for PACS members to participate in the Roundtable.

Carol updated PACS members on the U of R/RCE Higher Education Event scheduled for 8 May 2014 at Government House around "Living Labs". There will be presentations and a roundtable. The event will host all higher-education partners as well as the Ministry of Environment. PACS was very supportive of this initiative.

The University of Regina has been awarded the 2017 National Science Fair.

7. ADJOURNMENT at 9:57 AM

NEXT MEETING 14 May 2014 8:30 – 10:00 AM (AH 527)

For future PACS discussion:

- Water Management – Nelson in coordination with Dena.
- 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?