
MEETING NOTES

Wednesday 18 June 2014 / 8:30 – 10:00 am / AH 527

MEMBERS T Chase, D Cherwaty, J Crivea, C Reyda, Alberto Ortiz (*student intern*), R Petry

REGRETS K Arbuthnott, N Wagner, D Zemplak (*URSU Undergraduate Rep*)

1. Call to order at 8:30 am.

2. **Agenda approved as received. Meeting notes of 14 May 2014 received without emendation.** There was a question regarding the revised Terms of Reference and the membership – specifically retaining two administrative members and the addition of, as Ex-Officio, the Associate Vice-President (Facilities Management) and if it that should have reduced the administrative member to one? In reviewing the tracked changes to the TOR the membership increased from nine to ten which takes into account that the ex-officio AVP(FM) is an addition to the committee structure.

3. Update from the Sustainability Coordinator:

Carol presented the draft **Annual Report** for the reporting period September 2012 – June 2014. The final report will be provided to President Timmons who will share the information at her discretion. Please send comments directly to Carol.Reyda@uregina.ca.

It was decided that developing a **sustainability policy**, at this time, would be premature. PACS will focus on drafting a Sustainability Strategic Plan that can be partnered with the upcoming new Strategic Plan. It is necessary to engage/connect the University of Regina community to ‘buy into’ cultural change regarding sustainability issues before implementing a policy. One suggestion was to identify champions/elders in faculties and units to promote specific sustainability issues. Another suggestion is to incorporate sustainability into existing policies. Further discussion of a sustainability policy will take place at a future meeting.

General discussion regarding upcoming sustainability issues included campus operations such as timetabling, employee and student health (mandatory wellness curriculum), ‘resilient’ buildings etc.

Specific discussion will have PACS inviting representatives from the Luther College Cafeteria to hear how their recently implemented ‘tray less’ dining has reduced their food waste – Chartwells will be asked to attend as well for any food waste management updates they may have. In addition, Mary Burgess will be invited to Skype into the 28 November meeting to discuss OER (open educational resources) and the cultural shift this new option is having on post-secondary institutions.

4. RCE Updates

Roger Petry spoke to recent and upcoming RCE events and provided verbal highlights of same. The University of Saskatchewan has applied to host the 2015 RCE Recognition Event, tentatively scheduled

for 6 May 2015. Once the date is confirmed, RCE Saskatchewan should invite senior administration to attend so as to get this into calendars asap.

5. Living Laboratory Community

Continued discussion from the 14 May 2014 meeting. Jocelyn will work with Dr John Robinson of UBC to join, via Skype, the 26 September PACS meeting (other interested groups may be asked to join) to discuss varying sustainability operations and policies in institutes of higher education and what the University of Regina may do to become a 'living laboratory community' on sustainability.

6. ADJOURNMENT at 10:02 AM

NEXT MEETING 26 September 8:30 – 10:00 AM (AH 527)
