
MEETING NOTES

Friday 27 March 2015 / 8:30 – 10:00 am / AH 527

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| MEMBERS | T Chase (Chair), D Cherwaty, J Crivea, J Dale, R Konecsni, N Okere, R Petry, C Reyda, N Wagner, S Wray, and S Young |
| GUESTS | K Arbuthnott, G Pickard |
| REGRETS | L Benko, D Zemlak |

1. Call to order at 8:31 am.

2. Agenda approved as received. Meeting notes of 30 January 2015 received without emendation.

3. Update from the Sustainability Coordinator

- C Reyda advised that her update would be provided under agenda items 4, 5 and 8.

4. Sustainability Strategic Plan update and consultation update

- C Reyda advised the draft plan has been taken to Executive of Council and URSU for input.
- D Cherwaty noted on page 4 a linkage needs to be made (add *for* or *in* sustainability).
- R Petry suggested that furthering the social aspect of sustainability is something to look at.
- General comments were made in regard to production vs. waste, and the desire to avoid the waste stream in the first place.
- Discussion took place in regard to increased recognition of the University and better communication with Government. Help them help us with the sustainability plan. The University needs to drive the discussion regarding postsecondary needs among other Government priorities.
- C Reyda will add a word or two to broaden the scope and will use members' suggestions.
- Discussion took place in regard to lessening the University community's call on public healthcare. If members of the University community were, for example, to begin a concerted effort to take steps that might reduce our individual need for public healthcare, we would free up needed resources for others, and would contribute to a potential reduction in public spending on health. Such an effort should be rooted in a "wellness for all" philosophy comprising students, faculty, and staff.
- Organizational culture will shift as we execute the sustainability plan.
- Discussion took place regarding sustainability champions.
- D Cherwaty spoke to the need for an Executive Lead to pull all the components of the plan together.

A verbal call for volunteers for the PACS sub-committee took place.

- R Petry noted that the committee needs to ensure each department is tasked to gather the appropriate information. He provided the following suggestions:
 - Have the leads attend department meetings;
 - Have leadership an integral part of the sustainability culture.

- N Wagner noted that key FM activities already support the sustainability plan. Suggested that the leads be experts in their fields.
- C Reyda requested that something more explicit be added to the plan that would encompass overall wellness and leadership. Identify what role each leader is taking.

5. Definition of sustainability

- C Reyda provided the committee with examples, and received feedback on the definition from committee members.
- Examples C and E, used with permission, meet the criteria for the University.
- C = "Sustainability is understood broadly to include our commitments to sustaining human wellbeing and the natural environment. We value people and people feel valued."
- E= "The Sustainability Compass was developed by the Atkinson Group as a tool to explain the concepts of sustainability in clear, easy to understand language, and to outline a systems view of sustainability."
- The definition should be linked into the wellbeing of the University and our respectful workplace.
- A logo would be a nice idea to incorporate into the definition.
- The integral nature of sustainability needs to be incorporated into the logo.
- It was noted that the definition should be re-visited in 2-5 years.

The Chair asked to have a definition and logo brought back to the committee for review, with confirmation that other entities' words and concepts are used only with those entities' permission.

6. Sustainability metrics

- C Reyda indicated that additional work is required prior to the letter being submitted to STARS.
- There is concern that STARS is the only metric. Will it be as effective as it could be? If the committee is reporting to the President, establishing a baseline is important.

7. Sustainability policy

- It was determined that the policy for the committee would arise from the current Sustainability Strategic Plan **and align with the University of Regina Strategic Plan, *peyak aski kikawinaw***

8. Website update

- Discussion took place about developing the website.
- The committee will start looking at the Facilities Management website, determine what needs to be done to develop one for sustainability, and identify who will provide the technical support.
- The committee needs to see whether there are existing webpages that should be linked to the sustainability website.
- Discussion took place about doing some of this work prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting on 29 May.

9. ADJOURNMENT at 10:05 AM

NEXT MEETING 29 May 2015 8:30 – 10:00 AM (AH 527)
