
MEETING NOTES

Tuesday 26 April 2016 / 3:00 – 4:30 pm / AH 527

MEMBERS T Chase (Chair), J Chan, D Cherwaty, J Crivea, R Konecsni, R Petry, C Reyda, S Robinson, N Wagner, S Young

REGRETS J Dale, D Zemlak

1. Call to order at 3:00 pm.
2. Agenda approved as received. Meeting notes of 27 November 2015 received without emendation.
3. **Update from Sustainability Coordinator**

C Reyda, Sustainability Coordinator, provided updates on the *Sustainability Community Engagement Fund* (has gone through two rounds of funding and has awarded approximately \$20k to 12 different projects); *The Bee Box* (PACS is reminded that this box will be moved to the top floor of the Education Building); *SCF* (outside contributions are being worked on and brochures are being sent out to individuals and companies requesting donations); *Marketing Research Class* (as always C Reyda and J Chan received insightful ideas on sustainability on campus i.e. carpooling); *Composting Project* (a plan was created on how to fund an in-vessel composter on campus and the benefits it would provide the University. This could become a living lab project with faculties researching it. Unfortunately, the permanent base-budgeted positions required to make the project work are not possible under current operating budget constraints. The benefits of this idea are sound and certainly worthy of funding. This group has been encouraged, and is actively planning, to submit funding applications for various grants to assist with this project.); *The RCE* (awards take place 4 May 2016 in Fort Qu'Appelle where the Sustainability Strategic Plan and the Sustainability Community Engagement Fund will receive recognition).

C Reyda notes that she is winding down as Sustainability Coordinator and will return to her role as Project Manager in Facilities Management. The Chair and N Wagner will begin looking at the possibilities of the position, where it will reside, what the future looks like and who might be interested. They will continue discussion on how best to move forward. C Reyda also noted that even though she will no longer be the Sustainability Coordinator she has volunteered to alternate with R Petry in a role in RCE.

4. Terms of Reference sub-committee report

The draft Terms of Reference document was reviewed and with minor grammatical changes and the addition of the reporting period for the annual report, committee members were in agreement with the updates.

M/S N Wagner / J Crivea that the Terms of Reference, with the minor emendations discussed, be recommended to the President for review and approval.

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5. Communications campaign

There was discussion on the benefits of creating a “sustainability helpful hints and tips” document. R Konecsni and J Crivea, together with External Relations, will work on developing an educational campaign on sustainability at the University of Regina. This campaign will be designed to give sustainability an identity and will aim at providing the campus community an upfront and proactive approach. Updates on this strategy will be provided in May and September.

6. AASHE annual report

The University of Regina is now listed in the annual report as a reporting organization. C Reyda notes that any @uregina.ca email address can create an account and gain access to an array of sustainability resources.

C Reyda also noted that the U of Rs Sustainability Strategic Plan has been accepted for presentation at the fall AASHE conference and she, along with Kathryn, will be presenting it.

7. STARS Reporter Designation

This is an information item to the committee. The STARS seal and certificate are available for posting and can be used in our communications campaign if needed.

8. PACS 2016-17 meeting dates

The committee approved the 2016-17 meeting dates and these dates will be posted on the web page.

9. Other information items

R Petry advises PACS members that 5 May at 1:30 pm in Luther College Room 100, Charles Hopkins, from York University will be making a presentation to campus.

Do not forget that 6 May from 10:00 – 12:00 is campus beautification day. If you are available to attend please do so.

10. ADJOURNMENT at 4:05 pm

NEXT MEETING 27 May 2016 8:30 – 10:00 AM (AH 527)
