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**MEETING NOTES**

29 September 2017 / 8:30 – 9:30 am / AH 527

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**MEMBERS** T Chase (Chair), D Cherwaty, J Crivea, J Dale, L Ezenweichu (*GSA rep*), H Khan (*URSU rep*), E Khmarun (*PACS student support*) R Konecsni, R Petry, S Young

**REGRETS** C Reyda, N Wagner

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**1. Welcome and call to order at 8:30 am.**

**Agenda approved as received. Meeting notes of 5 June 2017 received without emendation.**

**LEADERSHIP, COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT**

**2. PACS Support: introduction and update**

Welcome to our new Sustainability Support, Ms Elena Khmarum, who has just started her third year in the UR Nursing Program. Elena has taken over the duties that Nwakaku Okere had been providing PACS. Ms Okere convocated in June and has since obtained full-time employment.

**3. Communications sub-committee: dissolution proposal**

R Konecsni reviewed the document that was sent out in the agenda package. This sub-committee feels overburdened and they have realized that coordinating messages through email is not as effective or collaborative as initially thought. The sub-committee recommends that a member of External Relations, Katherine Cormack, Manager of Strategic Communications, join PACS as they will be able to provide a valuable link between Sustainability initiatives and communicating/messaging them to our campus and the wider community. The Chair suggests that inviting K Cormack as a regular guest allows the committee to determine the need of an additional member and provides time to make amendments to the Terms of Reference.

A motion to dissolve the Communications Sub-Committee was put forward.

M / S R Konecsni / S Young

CARRIED

A motion to invite K Cormack, Manager of Strategic Communications in External Relations to attend PACS meetings as a regular guest was put forward. If PACS deems it appropriate to include External Relations as a permanent member, the Terms of Reference will be revised.

M / S R Konecsni / J Dale

CARRIED

**4. Sustainability Coordinator position: update**

Current budgetary constraints have delayed the funding of a Sustainability Coordinator. Partial funding is still available for this position and discussions of sharing this position with another unit have occurred. An update will be provided at the November meeting.

## WASTE, ENERGY AND TRANSPORTATION

### 5. Rideshare Widget

The past Sustainability Coordinator along with FM, PTS, and URSU had explored the ridesharing/ carpooling platform with the Carpooling Network but nothing came of it. This company has again reached out to the UR enquiring about our interest. They have since upgraded and changed the services they offer and wanted to bring the benefits of this platform to our attention.

Recognizing that our Sustainability Coordinator position is vacant, the company advised that they could still provide us, free of charge, a branded search widget where students and employees could see and use Ridesharing.com. This widget would track how many people use it and after one year the company would provide us the data presenting the URs level of interest. As this is a third party application the Chair asked what liabilities the UR would face if something were to go wrong (injuries, etc.). If there are no liability issues then the University will make this work. FM and PTS are okay with this widget as long as IS and ER are. As long as we ensure users are aware that the widget submits data to an external site not hosted or run by the UR, IS sees no security concerns with making it available on our website. ER has not yet been consulted. R Konecsni will contact the University Secretariat's Office and provide PACS an update at the next meeting.

On a side note: Parking Services promotes carpooling but as preferred parking. The company that supplied vehicles for the carshare program cancelled the program at both the U of R and the U of S due to a lack of usage.

## OPERATIONS AND OTHER ISSUES

### 6. Terms of members: J Dale and R Konecsni

Two PACS members' terms have expired: J Dale (June 2017) and R Konecsni (June 2017). Based on the Terms of Reference, membership renewal is subject to committee approval and reappointment by the designated group. R Konecsni has expressed an interest in serving another term and the VP Administration supports his renewal of a second three-year term (June 2020). J Dale has also expressed an interest in serving another three-year term and PACS approves this term renewal (June 2020).

### 7. Draft PACS 2014-2017 Report: review

A motion to approve the draft PACS 2014-2017 Report with one minor edit was put forward  
M / S J Crivea / H Khan

CARRIED

The approved PACS 2014-2017 Report will be sent to the President and uploaded to the PACS web page.

### 8. SCEF update: 2014 partners agreement; 2017 steering committee; 2017 applications

B Butz brought forward her concerns regarding the 2014 SCEF Founding Partners Agreement Terms of Reference. There are several terms that have not been enforced since the Sustainability Coordinator (SC) position was vacated. B Butz has identified difficulty in securing consistent funding (recognizing it is due to budgetary constraints), finding individuals to form the SCEF Steering Committee, and has identified that financial reports have not been provided to the partners (at least not since the SC position has been vacant).

With sustainability being a key part of our Strategic Plan why are we limiting commitment to only the eight founding partners? Why are we not requesting that all faculties and units provide funds to the SCEF? With the current budgetary constraints it is no longer realistic to ask each of the founding partners to commit \$2,000 so is it possible to offset this burden by with contributions from other units?

PACS agreed that a call for funding should go to both academic and administrative units and not be limited to the eight founding partners. The Chair believes the structure should remain in place and that we should abide by the terms of reference as they were agreed to. Should partners wish to end their participations they can do so as outlined in the terms of reference.

The founding partners along with past SCEF contributors were asked to provide names of individuals to sit on the 2017 SCEF Steering Committee. B Butz was provided seven names, three of which were students. These individuals will be contacted and a meeting will be set-up to review the five applications submitted to the SCEF.

Adela Tesarek Kincaid has been asked by Dr Charles Hopkins, UNESCO Chair at York University, to attend the Reorienting Education and Training Systems to Improve the Lives of Indigenous and Marginalized Youth meeting in October 2017. This is the fifth planning meeting in the Global Project for the Central and North American Regions and supports UN Sustainable Development Goal 4. A Tesarek Kincaid would attend as a representative of Saskatchewan communities and as a Postdoctoral Research Fellow from the U of R. She has submitted a request for financial support from PACS in the amount of \$1,300 (for her flight and accommodations). Given the direct alignment with our Strategic Plans, PACS fully supports A Tesarek Kincaid's attendance at this meeting and will provide the financial support request.

PACS motioned to provide A Tesarek Kincaid \$1,300 via the SCEF to attend the Reorienting Education and Training Systems to Improve the Lives of Indigenous and Marginalized Youth meeting in Ontario with the expectation that she report back to PACS on meeting outcomes and any research collected.

M/S J Dale / D Cherwaty

CARRIED

## 9. Round table

**H Khan** – URSU is planning an environmental awareness and sustainability week which would include four days of events and guest speakers. This would promote environmental initiatives on our campus.

URSU Threads has gained popularity and the new initiative has hit various media sources. This initiative offers free men's suits to students in work placements, students attending interviews and/or students presenting to class and follows the Women's Dress for Success initiative. With more than 100 suits donated by Moore's storage space was limited until FNUUniv offered some.

**J Crivea** – IEESC has played a national leading role in the completion of the Climate Change Data Portal Network. This network started in Ontario and is now complete across Canada. This tool assess the future impacts of climate change on agriculture, ecosystems, water, infrastructure, energy development, immigration, and other human activities. It is a free tool and can be accessed here: <http://www.ieesc.ca/research/ccdp-network>.

**Chair** – We are making progress on a variety of sustainability initiatives. Among them are gains in campus energy efficiency; reductions in amount and costs of campus printing; retrofitting of facilities in the Laboratory Building, College West, and College Avenue Campus; reduction in pesticide use on campus grounds; gradual roll-out of water bottle refilling stations; the transit pass initiative championed by URSU; and much more.

The U of R pool has been a point of discussion and its life might be coming to an end. The pool is not regulation size; bringing all its systems and infrastructure up to current standards would cost millions of dollars. The UR is looking at ways to keep the pool running as it is heavily used by campus and our community. A decision on the life of the pool will need to be made.

**R Konecsni** – Presented the U of R's Print Optimization project at CUPMAC 2017 in Ottawa. Some external interest come from this presentation and In-plant Graphics included a lot of the presentation on their article: <http://www.inplantgraphics.com/article/30-in-plant-managers-from-universities-all-over-canada-attended-cupmac-2017/>.

**R Petry** – The 2018 RCE Recognition event will take place in May in Stockholm SK.

**10. ADJOURNMENT at 9:34 am**

**NEXT MEETING 24 November 2017 8:30 – 10:00 AM (AH 527)**

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