



Friday 24 November 2017 / 8:30 – 10:00 am / AH 527

MEMBERS	T Chase (Chair), D Cherwaty, J Crivea, J Dale, R Konecsni, R Petry, N Wagner
GUESTS	K Cormack, T Dahms, E Groenendyk, A Kincaid
REGRETS	L Ezenweichu (<i>GSA rep</i>), H Khan (<i>URSU rep</i>), E Khmarun (<i>PACS student support</i>), S Young

1. Welcome, introduction of K Cormack, and call to order at 8:30 am

As her time allows, Katherine Cormack will join PACS to assist with communications strategies, etc.

2. Agenda approved as received. Meeting notes of 29 September 2017 received without emendation.

WASTE, ENERGY AND TRANSPORTATION

3. Rideshare Widget: update

At the 29 September 2017 PACS meeting, concerns about Rideshareing's liability were raised. R Konecsni looked into this and shared his findings with PACS in the 24 November agenda package.

PACS members discussed the information they were provided and determined that, as experts, the decision to add the widget to our webpage would be left to Parking and Transportation Services (P&TS). R Konecsni will follow-up with P&TS with our decision.

Whatever P&TS decides, PACS members believe promoting carpooling in general - not any one specific company - as a sustainable lifestyle choice is important. B Butz will work with E Khmarun to ensure this message is shared via the Campus Sustainability webpage and/or in messages to campus.

4. Team Compost/Custodial Operations: update

E Groenendyk joined PACS to provide an update on Team Compost and the Coffee Grounds Recycling Program. Based on the success of the pilot program, an RFP has been sent out seeking a company who can provide long-term composting services. Once a company has been chosen, an announcement will be made.

Team Compost continues to work with the various food vendors on campus expanding the list of composting waste, and the vendors that can contribute. Once a company has been chosen, E Groenendyk plans to discuss measurables with Dr Kelvin Ng, Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science. Once the composting program is in place, Dr Ng's students would monitor and measure the level of waste going into the University's regular Loraas bins. This data will assist the University in measuring the success of composting by seeing the reduction of pick-ups and potentially the move to smaller bins.

E Groenendyk will forward B Butz a 2013 report on UR Waste Composition which will be shared with members of PACS.

5. Plant Health Care Model (PHCM): update

Dr Tanya Dahms joined PACS to provide a follow-up on the success of the PHCM. This project, which has received funding from the SCEF since 2014, has been cost-effective and has come under budget. The goal of the PHCM was to highlight the negative effects of pesticide use and to demonstrate how the University could maintain a green campus using sustainable and environmentally friendly methods.

Dr Dahms proposes that the entire campus ban the use of pesticides. She recognizes the planning that would be involved but also the opportunity to capitalize on the use of volunteers, who are in strong support of this.

PACS members are in favour of the ban in principle, but note that there are substantial operational challenges as well as some city owned areas that will still use pesticides. N Wagner will work with the Provincial Capital Commission to continue to move in the direction of a pesticide free campus.

LEADERSHIP, COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT

6. Reorienting Education & Training Systems to Improve the Lives of Indigenous & Marginalized Youth meeting

PACS approved the travel of Dr Adela Tesarek Kincaid to Sudbury ON to attend the October 2017 Reorienting Education & Training Systems to Improve the Lives of Indigenous & Marginalized Youth meeting. As outlined in Dr Tesarek Kincaid's report (attached to the agenda package), the University of Regina is being asked to join this project. Dr Tesarek Kincaid asked how this might fit in with the UR, and how to proceed.

As this project is heavily focused on research, PACS agreed that this project should be led by/from Research Office (RO) and potentially from the Faculty of Education. The RO would respond to the Memo of Cooperation as it involves ethics and time.

OPERATIONS AND OTHER ISSUES

7. SCEF: Update

The deadline for SCEF applications was 29 September 2017 and five applications were received. On 13 October 2017, the SCEF Steering Committee, comprised of 10 individuals (four students, four faculty, 2 staff), met and carefully evaluated each application. The Committee based the funding amount on the applicants' adherence to the SCEF funding eligibility and criteria set out in the applications guidelines. The Committee determined that two applications did not meet the SCEF funding eligibility or criteria and denied those requests. The remaining three applications were allotted a combined total of \$2,720 from the 2017 SCEF.

B Butz hopes to send another call for SCEF applications in the Spring 2018. B Butz will be send the SCEF partners a follow-up report on the outcome of the five applications.

8. PACS Support: update

B Butz updated PACS on the work of E Khmarun. Elena continues to work on relationship building with various bodies on campus (URSU, Women's and Gender Studies, RPRIG, etc.), and is actively monitoring and responding to emails sent to the Sustainability email account. She has been updating the Sustainability web page and has reached out to Donor Relations about the possibility of adding a Sustainability donor option.

9. ADJOURNMENT at 9:52 am

NEXT MEETING: 26 January 2018 8:30 – 10:00 AM (AH 527)