



Friday 26 January 2018 / 8:30 – 10:00 am / AH 527

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

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

2. Agenda approved as received. Meeting notes of 24 November 2017 received with minor changes.

Minor updates to the 24 November meeting notes were requested. Updates included, the addition of N Wagner to the attendees' list and updated item 6, paragraph 2 – Faculty of Arts was updated to Faculty of Education.

OPERATIONS AND OTHER ISSUES

3. Sustainability student support update

E Khmarun has been updating the Sustainability webpage, and continues to organize and respond to the Sustainability inbox. She reported that the *Degrees* magazine, along with other university publications, will be moving online. The ultimate goal is to print hard copies by request only. Elena has also been working with Donor Relations on adding a Sustainability/SCEF donation option and is confident that this will be available in the near future.

PACS discussed the use of re-useable coffee cups/mugs and the best approach to promoting it. Once Elena confirms the discount with the UR vendors, External Relations will run an article on the benefits of re-using coffee cups/mugs. Elena will look into how we can advertise this discount at vendor locations and will work with ER and URSU to determine if there is a sponsor willing to provide good quality coffee cups/mugs. If there is no sponsor available, URSU and PACS (via the SCEF) will share the cost of purchasing 1,000 – 1,500 mugs which will be given to new students as part of their welcome swag. Elena will look into how we can begin measuring the success of this pilot project (do the vendors have an easy way to track these discounts) which will assist in the decision to continue offering these as swag.

4. 25 May PACS meeting

As the 25 May PACS meeting takes place during Congress 2018, PACS agreed to move this meeting date to **Friday 8 June**.

5. Spring 2018 SCEF

PACS members support moving forward with a Spring 2018 call for SCEF applications. This call will go out in February with a closing date of 30 March 2018.

6. FM budget update

As laid out in the document attached to the agenda package, FM has put forward the option of cutting the half-time Sustainability Coordinator position. As PACS is aware, this position has been vacant for the past two years and due to budget constraints, has not been approved as a base-budgeted position.

PACS recognizes the situation and understands the reasoning behind offering this cut. However, they discussed the consequences of not having these funds or a Sustainability Coordinator. Who will maintain the Sustainability email address? Who will manage and uphold our AASHE and STARS memberships/designations? Who will be responsible for the SCEF awards and FOAPAL? Who will keep the web pages, and social media pages active and up-to-date? Can some of these tasks be incorporated into other positions? These are just a few questions that were raised. Although the Provost's Office is keeping the campus sustainability initiatives afloat, this cannot be looked at as a permanent solution. Regardless of the decision, it is important to be open and transparent on what will change should this funding be cut.

PACS will review the Sustainability Strategic Plan (SSP) priorities at the March meeting. Many of these priorities can be incorporated into everyday teaching and PACS intends to highlight this. The intent of this review is to see how PACS can promote a sustainable campus in the absence of a Sustainability Coordinator.

7. Round-table discussion

For information: CAUBO 2018, 10-12 June – David Suzuki is confirmed as a key note speaker

RCE Thematic Conference: Towards Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals – 2 May 2018 in Stockholm SK

For information: Ridesharing widget – final update

8. ADJOURNMENT at 9:30 am

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