President’s Advisory Committee on Sustainability (PACS)

Agenda

Friday 26 January 2018 / 8:30 – 9:30 am / AH 527

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### PACS 2017-18 meeting dates

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Agendas close the preceding Thursday at 4 pm

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President’s Advisory Committee on Sustainability (PACS)
Meeting Notes

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,

GUESTS
K Cormack, T Dahms, E Groenendyk, A Kincaid

REGRETS
L Ezenweichu (GSA rep), H Khan (URSU rep), E Khmarun (PACS student support), 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.

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**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 Arts. The RO would respond to the Memo of Cooperation as it involves ethics and time.

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**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.

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9. **ADJOURNMENT at 9:52 am**

**NEXT MEETING: 26 January 2018 8:30 – 10:00 AM (AH 527)**
Facilities Management 2018-19 Budget Submission

Operating Budget

1. Context for submission
   a. Aging and deterioration of campus facilities, with an asset replacement value of $1.4 Billion.
   b. In dollar terms, approximately 25% of FM’s staff costs are covered via recoveries from outside agencies and ancillary units so cutting those positions can have a spiralling effect on FM’s budget and would see us becoming totally reactive (currently 70% reactive) on maintenance with quickly increasing down time for building and utility systems and exponential growth in deferred maintenance.
   c. The College Avenue Campus will come back into service in 2018-19. Prior to the Renewal Project, this campus was on breakdown maintenance for decades. Our maintenance efforts were minimal to non-existent over that period. We will now have to maintain that campus and its modernized facilities to a much higher standard. That coupled with previous cuts and the addition of facilities on the main campus over the past decade have now been compounded by a new CAC.
   d. In 2018-19, FM will be undergoing an extensive Unit Review (not including Campus Security and Parking & Transportation Services which are currently under review). The review will be examining among others FM’s current reality, the additional and growing demands for FM services, the possible assumption of responsibility for Innovation Place assets, and the possible adoption of a different operating model for the maintenance of the University’s grounds currently performed by the Provincial Capital Commission.
   e. For the above reasons, FM is not submitting any suggestion to further cut our operating budget for 2018-19 so the focus of this year’s submission is to find and demonstrate savings in central budgets that FM manages such as leases and utilities budgets. The one exception is the cut of the Sustainability Coordinator half-time position in FM in order to fund an immediate need to better manage asbestos at the University.

2. FM’s budget objective is to achieve the best possible outcome for the University while minimizing the impact on services and staff delivering the services.

3. FM’s 2017-18 net expenditure operating budget including benefits = $13,009,151.
   a. All funding into and out of FM are channelled through FOAPAL 10000-6110-POOL then distributed throughout FM as the budget changes.
   b. Cut the half-time Sustainability Coordinator position in FM. Budget for this position is $47,026 salary, $8,465 benefits, total = $55,491. FM does not need this position. Sustainability (FM calls it stewardship) is embedded into everything we do with our existing staff. The position has been vacant for almost two years and this year will be the third year. We are unable to fill it as a half time position and the funding for this position can be better used to address a significant health risk as outlined below. Sustainability is a key element of the University’s Strategic Plan. FM can meet its obligations without this position. Should the institutional needs determine that a full time Sustainability Coordinator is required, FM is prepared to continue with that position in FM. FM also used one-time funding to fund (approximately $8,000) the garden coordinator position each summer, that is also gone with this proposal.

Utilities Budget

1. 2017-18 Net Expenditure Budget = $4,048,292
2. Projected net expenditure in 2018-19 = $3,852,290 net decrease $196,002
4. Projections above include the potential impact of a carbon tax starting in 2018-19 of $238,762 and in 2019-20 of $547,524.
5. Without the carbon tax the reduction in 2018-19 would be $434,764 and a further reduction of $174,186 in 2019-20. FM is monitoring very closely the discussions between the Province and the Federal Government and our utility providers.
6. Projections for utilities include the benefits of University investments in new LED lights and improvements to our infrastructure via the SaskPower IEOP and the SIF programs.

**Lease Budget**

1. 2017-18 lease expenditure budget = $1,799,387
2. Projected expenditure 2018-19 = Approximately $1,750,000. A reduction of approximately $50,000. There are still a few items to be sorted out here so I will update this estimate by the middle of February.
3. JSGSPP moving out of 2R September 2018 and relocating to the College Avenue Campus, lease expires September 30, 2018 and will not be renewed or used by the University. The estimate above takes a partial year of the lease. In 2019-20, this will be a reduction of approximately $180,000.

**Preventive Maintenance & Renewal Budget**

1. Preventive Maintenance and Renewal (former Sustaining Capital) 2017-18 budget = $3,500,000
2. Deferred maintenance levels continuing to rise and the current level of funding is inadequate. The funding level required to not increase deferred maintenance is $12M annually.
3. FM will present list of PMR projects for Board approval separately once the PMR funding level is determined.

**Classroom and Common Area Furniture Budget**

1. Budget approved for 2017-18, $138,000.
2. Request for 2017-18
   a. $250,000 – in preparation for Congress, FM inspected all classrooms on campus and has created a list of work needed in classrooms to improve their condition. Last year’s budget provided funding for the worst ones for Congress, this year’s request is for the next batch of classrooms needing improvement.
   b. FM will have sufficient carry forward from last year’s allocation to complete furniture repairs as needed this fiscal year.

FM is requesting permanent funding for one position and one-time funding for one position:

1. **Security and Operations – Manager Roads and Grounds**
   a. This position is required to address a significant capability gap in FM to manage:
      i. the life cycle/subject matter expert for the maintenance of all campus roads, parking lots, sidewalks, paths, outdoor signage of all types and all landscaped grounds;
      ii. Supervision of the labour crew which does snow clearing around fire exits, moves goods on campus, outdoor signage, and takes care of FM’s indoor cold storage/inventory and outdoor storage compounds (does not include maintenance stores);
      iii. the coordination of all road and parking lot repairs including sweeping, line and cross walk painting and patching/grading of parking lots;
      iv. the snow removal/sanding and exterior pest control contracts;
      v. the coordination of all grounds repairs and maintenance (including irrigation of all campus landscape areas with the Provincial Capital Commission (PCC) and other service providers;
      vi. the coordination of Campus clean ups;
      vii. the transition to pesticide free maintenance of the campus; and,
      viii. the transition from the current Wascana Centre/PCC maintenance model to the new system currently under development which is expected to be implemented in 2019-20. The consultant team reviewing this change supports the creation of this position to properly manage the change process and FM’s efforts going forward. This position is needed in advance of the change in 2019-20 in order to properly manage the change as it will be planned in 2018-19.
   b. The work of this position is currently done off the side of the desks of the Director of Security and Operations, several managers and different project managers. No-one in FM has the landscaping background or expertise to properly and fully manage this portfolio of critical services.
and infrastructure. FM relied on Wascana Centre for the landscaping expertise and the relationship is changing.

c. The work of this position will have a significant positive impact on the outdoor safety for everyone who comes to both campuses.

d. Incremental cost of position estimated to be $72,736 salary plus $13,093 benefits = $85,829.

2. Human Resources – Half-Time Position for 3 years to develop and implement an Asbestos Management Program

a. FM and HR share the responsibility for Asbestos Management for the University (includes identification, abatement, annual inspections, communication, training, etc).

b. The University previously relied on outside consultants for the annual inspections which has proven to be unreliable as recently as this past summer as a significant amount of previously unidentified asbestos containing material (ACM) was discovered in the ceiling tiles in the Education Building. The year prior to that, asbestos was also found in the CW residence which again was not identified by the consultant. While the asbestos identified was encapsulated and posed no threat to the building occupants, workers in FM and Information Services were exposed to ACM in the performance of their duties to access ceiling spaces for example in ED. Approximately 70 Workers Compensation Board (WCB) Claims have been submitted as a result of the ED/CW discoveries. The University was cited with a contravention by the Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety. This leaves the University with an open future liability should any of the workers develop health issues related to their exposure to ACMs. Appropriate actions were taken and continue to be taken to mitigate the ACM in both ED and CW.

c. Given the above and to prevent further contraventions or exposures, the University needs to take more direct action to be able to reassure the Campus and workers who could be exposed to ACM while performing their duties.

d. HR currently has a staff member (Industrial Safety Advisor) in its Health Safety and Wellness unit who is qualified and knowledgeable regarding asbestos. While his current role includes issues like asbestos, there are other critical responsibilities for this position and the scale of this effort far exceeds his capacity and must be handled differently. The plan is to assign 50% of this position’s effort to developing and implementing an Asbestos Management Program. In order to maintain the lost effort in his current role, HR will hire a half time employee for a 3 year term so that important work continues.

e. The annual cost of this half time position is $51,550 salary plus $9,279 benefits = $60,829. The cost of this position can be almost entirely offset by the above proposed cut of the half-time Sustainability Coordinator. Rather than being permanent though, a three year time frame is needed which can be funded from one-time resources in each of those years.
Hi Bryanna,

Could you include the attachment below in the next PACS agenda materials? The email message below provides further context.

Thank you for your help with this,

Roger

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>>> Roger Petry 12/15/17 12:21 PM >>>
Dear RCE Saskatchewan Colleagues,

Please find attached important notes from the First Global RCE Thematic Conference in Okayama, Japan, held from December 5-7, 2017. The 3 conference themes were biodiversity, climate change, and sustainable consumption and production. The meeting notes include links to a number of RCE and UN agency activities working on Education for Sustainable Development. In addition, I have added some quotations from delegates and presenters that I thought were notable. It ends with a few photos including one following the Global RCE Awards Ceremony in which RCE Saskatchewan received an "Outstanding Flagship Project Award" for the "Community Collaboration for Potash Mine Engagement" project. Congratulations to everyone involved in that project, especially the community of Havelock!

Thank you especially to Dr. Adela Kincaid who also attended the conference on behalf of RCE Saskatchewan.

Hopefully you find the notes and the resource materials it links to helpful.

Best wishes,

Roger Petry, Co-coordinator
RCE Saskatchewan
**First RCE Thematic Conference: Towards Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**

**Okayama, Japan**

**December 5-7. 2017**

**General Background on Conference and Theme**

- Attended by over 100 RCE Members from over 25 countries
  - RCE Saskatchewan Delegates: Dr. Adela Kincaid and Dr. Roger Petry
- RCE Okayama was one of the first 7 RCEs (now over 156 RCEs)
  - “Oka” = hills + “yama” = mountains (agriculture in south and forestry in North); known as “the land of sunshine”
  - terminology for “development” (Japanese/Buddhist(?)) = “Kai hat su” (sp.)= “leveraging the characteristic to expand development”
- Conference focused on the 3 themes of Sustainable Consumption and Production (SDG #12), Climate Change (SDG #13), and Biodiversity (SDG #14 and #15); see [https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/sdgs](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/sdgs)
- 3 themes were chosen based on the focus areas of many RCE projects globally
- SDG #4 on education a necessary element of all the other goals
- RCEs in a unique and advantageous position to engage in both global and local actions
- Final Programme with list of speakers:
  - [http://www.okayama-u.ac.jp/up_load_files/event/Programme_as_of_1_December_FINAL4.pdf](http://www.okayama-u.ac.jp/up_load_files/event/Programme_as_of_1_December_FINAL4.pdf)

**Key Global RCE Outputs:**

- RCE Portal: [https://www.rcenetwork.org/portal/](https://www.rcenetwork.org/portal/)
- RCE Facebook Page: [https://www.facebook.com/Global-RCE-Network-890558397679571/?ref=br_rs](https://www.facebook.com/Global-RCE-Network-890558397679571/?ref=br_rs)
- RCE E-bulletin: [https://www.rcenetwork.org/portal/rce-bulletin](https://www.rcenetwork.org/portal/rce-bulletin)
- RCE Publications:
  - [https://www.rcenetwork.org/portal/resources-publications-and-others](https://www.rcenetwork.org/portal/resources-publications-and-others)

The UN SDG wheel [http://in.one.un.org/sdg-wheel](http://in.one.un.org/sdg-wheel)

### Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP)

- 3 billion new consumers by 2030
- SCP viewed as central to achieving all the SDGs
- 7 pages of SCP projects listed on UNU RCE Portal: [https://www.rcenetwork.org/portal/home](https://www.rcenetwork.org/portal/home)

- **RCE Denmark**: moved to building buildings out of wood vs. cement to use wood as a CO₂ battery/storage system (assuming one is engaged in sustainable forestry)
  - 1 m³ of conventional building materials **produces** 0.6 to 1 tonne of CO₂ vs. 1 m³ of wood used for building **reduces** CO₂ by capturing 0.5 to 0.7 tonnes.
  - For learning purposes organized 17 SDGs into Economy (8,9,10,12), Society (1,11,16,7,3,4,5,2), and Biosphere (15,14,6,13)

- SCP and retail trade viewed as a “peace industry” as trade presupposes peaceful relationships between territories

- **RCE Cairo**: seeing the “water, energy, food nexus [in Egypt] as an opportunity for youth”
  - Began by focusing on key resources of the territory; in the Middle East the key natural resources are sun, sand, and salty sea water
  - Developing a method to desalinate water and use this desalinated water for fish; the aquarium water is then used to fertilize crops; the remaining brine water from the process is used to produce brine shrimp and salt

### Organizational Partners Presenting at Conference:

**Universities**

Business

- **UN Business Forum on the SDGS**: In 2016 had 300 business attendees; on July 18, 2017, the UN Business Forum needed to be hosted in the UN General Assembly Hall since there were over 1450 attendees (!)
  - [https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/14260SDG_Business_Forum_Programme_preview.pdf](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/14260SDG_Business_Forum_Programme_preview.pdf)

UN Agencies

**IPBES “Intergovernmental Panel on Biodiversity and Ecosystem services”**
[www.ipbes.net](http://www.ipbes.net)

- Provides a global science platform for biodiversity; IPBES is for biodiversity as the IPCC is for climate change
- IPBES has developed expert assessments on future scenarios/models and pollinators
  - “Global Assessment on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services” (an update of the Millenium Ecosystem Assessment”) being released next year
  - “Pollinators, Pollination, and Food Production” released in March includes a summary for policy makers ([https://www.ipbes.net/sites/default/files/downloads/pdf/individual_chapter_s_pollination_20170305.pdf](https://www.ipbes.net/sites/default/files/downloads/pdf/individual_chapter_s_pollination_20170305.pdf))
  - Organizations can register as a stakeholder, can contribute case studies, and individuals can act as an author, editor or reviewer
  - Potential case studies could be contributed by RCEs
- IPBES has a fellows program

**UNFCCC “United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change”**

- Article 6 of UNFCCC focused on Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE)
- Canada has an ACE focal point that RCEs should contact in relation to their climate change projects
  - [http:// unfccc.int/cooperation_and_support/education_and_outreach/national_focal_points/items/8942.php](http://unfccc.int/cooperation_and_support/education_and_outreach/national_focal_points/items/8942.php)
- ACE resources are also valuable for RCEs

**UNE “UN Environment”**

- 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production patterns (10YFP) ([http://web.unep.org/10yfp](http://web.unep.org/10yfp)) and a need for RCEs to engage national governments; 10YFP Objectives include:
• Accelerate the shift towards SCP, supporting regional and national policies and initiatives.
• Contributing to resource efficiency and decoupling economic growth from environmental degradation and resource use, while creating decent jobs and economic opportunities and contributing to poverty eradication and shared prosperity.
• Mainstream SCP into sustainable development policies
• Support capacity building and facilitate access to financial and technical assistance
• Enable all stakeholders to share information and knowledge on SCP

**ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity** ([http://chm.aseanbiodiversity.org/](http://chm.aseanbiodiversity.org/))

- ASEAN Biodiversity Outlook 2 now on website
- Also ASEAN Heritage Parks (like UNESCO World Heritage Sites)
- Singapore Index on Sustainable Cities available for 2016
- ASEAN Small Grants Program I and II (see [www.aseanbiodiversity.org](http://www.aseanbiodiversity.org))

**National Governments and Climate Change: Report from Government of Ghana**

- Ghana’s *Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDC) to Climate Change* sets out national actions
  - [http://www4.unfccc.int/ndcregistry/PublishedDocuments/Ghana%20First/GH_INDC_2392015.pdf](http://www4.unfccc.int/ndcregistry/PublishedDocuments/Ghana%20First/GH_INDC_2392015.pdf)
- Ghana national action on climate change
  - Included having a drawing contest on climate change with 2 million student entries; best 9 included in a book and 1 top prize
  - National activities include: climate change week, national climate change symposium, building capacity of traditional leaders for climate change (CC) in own context; incorporating CC into national party manifestos (party that
included it ended up being elected; integration of CC into school curriculum; INDC outreach program and material developed; incorporating CC into each departmental mandate

- Developed new strategic framework around the 17 SDGs [http://www.unitar.org/thematic-areas/capacity-2030-agenda](http://www.unitar.org/thematic-areas/capacity-2030-agenda)
- **UNCC: Learn:** [https://www.uncclearn.org/](https://www.uncclearn.org/)
  - A strategic approach to climate change learning; also has one focus on the Green Economy
  - A free online learning platform for training government officials

- Links European Union and Asia around Sustainable Consumption and Production
- RCEs can work with SWITCH Asia

- DESA working on sustainable public procurement, localizing the SDGs through local government, dealing with fiscal, political, and administrating decentralization, and sustainable tourism

**Notable Quotations from Presenters/Delegates:**

“Think globally based on local experience and act locally in linkage with the global agenda.”

“No people left behind to achieve the SDGs.”

“The importance of the word ‘ethics’ in achieving the SDGs.”

“The SDGs are tools for everyone.”

“Education for All for Sustainable Development through Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP).”

“The key issue in University–Business partnerships for sustainable development is not mutual interest but rather mutual respect.”

“Only humans can be reflexive, not institutions, so one has to invest in people.”
Photos from Global RCE Conference

Following 2017 Global RCE Award Ceremony: RCE SK and Colleagues

Award Certificate:

RCE Fieldtrip visiting RCE Okayama:
Parking & Transportation Services has a membership and apparently this enables anyone to join Carpool.ca without a cost. I just attempted to join and it did not ask me my affiliation and it was free to join (so not sure how the U of R membership is attached to a user).

I did an inquiry on people coming to the U of R, there was one person from 2013 and one person from 2015 that signed up to come to the U of R and both were looking for or offering to provide carpooling. Both were many kms from my route to work.

Pauline

Thanks Bryanna,

Sorry, who is Elena? I suggest she connect with Pauline to see what we are doing in P&TS to promote carpooling then build on that?

Nelson

Perfect, thank you for the clarification Nelson. I will ask Elena to try and come up with some unique ways to promote the sustainable transportation options we do offer.

Thanks,

Bryanna

The decision at PACS was to defer to P&TS for the way ahead, Pauline is far more current on the subject than I am.
I support Pauline's position, which is consistent with our discussion at PACS in that we should stay away from endorsing outside systems due to liability concerns. By focusing on our own way of encouraging carpooling we certainly avoid that issue. Pauline can probably answer the last question around consequences better than me but my sense is that we are avoiding consequences by canceling our membership. If we get challenged on what we are doing around the promotion of sustainability in Parking, we can point to our internal carpooling system and also mention uPass as well.

Thanks,

Nelson

>>> From: Bryanna Butz
To: Nelson Wagner
CC: Ray Konecsni; Provost; Bryanna Butz; President's Sustainability
Date: 2017-12-06 9:35 AM
Subject: Fwd: Re: Ridesharing FAQs.docx

Good morning Nelson,

I hope you are doing well. I wanted to send you the below email for your information. You may have already been aware of this but I recalled your support in promoting carpooling and the various ways we can promote it at our last PACS meeting.

I'm not sure how frequently carpooling.ca is being used but I wonder what, if any, consequences might come from not renewing this membership? I recognize the fiscal challenges we all face and that this decision may have been made in an effort to redirect these funds to higher priority items but I thought I would still bring this question to your attention.

Thanks,

Bryanna

>>> Ray Konecsni 27/11/2017 7:55 AM >>>
FYI - I guess the Ridesharing.com topic ends here.

Ray

>>> Pauline Tessier 11/24/2017 2:11 PM >>>
Hi Ray, we can not find any history on why Parking delved into this area other than perhaps something Gwen wanted to do. I know we refer to ourselves as Parking & Transportation Services but this name has never been officially approved, again something we think Gwen initiated.

We had a car on campus that was available to rent through Enterprise. This program was not successful so the car was removed by Enterprise. I don't know why we have a Carpool.ca membership - Parking does not use it for anything. It is $1,100/year and I'm not going to pay it when it renews. Our promotion is having it on the webpage - this is it, we do not promote it.
At our parking conferences there's a lot of discussion about ride sharing, but it is different than what you described. It is similar to a taxi, you book a ride on a driver-less vehicle. It is being used in California and Arizona now. From a parking perspective it requires designing parking lots with pick up and drop off locations rather than for parking. How you get to campus is a personal choice, it we have demand, we will consider providing drop off and pick up locations to support ride sharing, as we did for Upass, we changed our strategy to provide more short-term parking on campus for those who normally take the bus but need to bring a vehicle to campus occasionally, we added 112 ten-hour meters in Lot 14.

We do not have the resources to take anything more on. Preferred parking for those carpooling and our "green" parking in lot 1 are our contributions to sustainability with regards to parking.

Pauline

>>> Ray Konecsni 11/24/2017 11:13 AM >>>
Hi Pauline,

I am just hoping to close the door on this subject. A while back at PACS, Nwakaku our student employee was working on a number of sustainability initiatives. One of them was looking into the “widget” that was part of the service offered by Ridesharing.com. Nwakaku left, I was tasked with looking into this further and the potential implications the use/promotion of this app had on the university. I had our IS Security Manager assess it for security and any LAFOIPOP implications as well as I asked Glenys Sylvestre about any potential legal liabilities. My research is attached for the liability aspect.

I tabled the report at PACS this morning, there was some great discussion on this, plus we also realized that Parking is promoting Carpool.ca on their web page. Given that this was a duplication of a service, the committee decided to defer responsibility to making any decision on promotion of this website to our Parking and Transportation professionals on campus. There was further debate on the University's position about promoting any service of this nature due to potential liability issues and they felt a more appropriate approach may be support and promotion of the principles around sustainable transportation (i.e. carpooling, bicycling, walking, public transportation) without naming specific service providers.

Regardless of the above, I will leave this up to you as Parking’s department head to determine the appropriate path you wish to pursue.

Thanks!

Ray