



Monday 20 January 2020 / 8:30 – 9:30 am / AH 206

MEMBERS T Chase (Chair), D Cherwaty, J Crivea, Y Gray (Resource), R Konecsni, N Paskewitz, R Petry, S Young

REGRETS J Dale, B Ridha (URSU rep), M Tajik (PACS student support)

- 1. Welcome and call to order at 8:30 am. Agenda and meeting notes of 29 November 2019 and 12 December 2019 received without emendation.

LEADERSHIP, COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT

2. Energy Management Dashboard

The Dashboard working model was activated on Thursday, 16 January. Data from the dashboard provide a comparison of the buildings and how much energy each building uses. It is their intent to use the data to establish methods of how to correct inadequacies. The Dashboard is providing an enormous amount of information; we need to distill it into a useful form.

Sustainability will be much more visible in the new Strategic Plan. Smart technology could be utilized to monitor heat when people are not in a given space. Facility Management will need more resources to manage sustainability initiatives. The Will there be data from the Dashboard that researchers can use? Yes, however FM needs to get a good model and hopes the data will eventually assist in student projects and research.

A demo of the Dashboard will be provided at the next meeting.

It was also noted that the Kinesiology swimming pool lifespan is coming to an end and it has yet to be determined what direction will be taken – should it be replaced, what different methods to heating can be used, etc.

3. Fall 2019 grant update & establish spring SCEF grant application dates

Fall 2019 Grant Update

All recipients have provided mailing addresses and cheques are now being issued.

- A Waste reduction at JDC West 2020 Funding request: \$1,870.00
B YOU should GARDEN Funding request: \$2,000.00
C Feedbank Funding request: \$2,000.00
D Garbage Gone: interactive bins to reduce littering and recycling contamination Funding request: \$1,845.00

Spring 2019 Update

- E Haoxuan Zhu Funding request: \$1,000.00 maximum
\$345.00 has been issued to date

Committee was asked to establish Spring SCEF Grant Application dates. Suggested dates were May 1-29. The Committee felt that the application dates should be in February to allow students and organizations more time to complete their project prior to the end of semester in April.

Distribution of the notice the SCEF Grant application was discussed. It was suggested that an email be sent to HR directors and students through Student Services.

WASTE, ENERGY AND TRANSPORTATION

4. Social Media

Advice regarding enhanced use of social media was requested.

Suggestions were:

- use the UN Sustainability initiatives
- use FM Dashboard data (data will be available within next two months)
 - would provide examples of daily activity costs
- overall Strategic Plan will kick off in July
- highlight initiatives within specific faculties (i.e. Engineering)

It was noted that there is a need for additional resources to manage the social media platforms. Information Services has workshops N Tajik can access to assist in creating a communications plan specific to social media. R Konecsni will assist in connecting N Tajik to the correct resources.

The idea of having murals, with established themes, painted in the building stairwells was raised.

OPERATIONS AND OTHER ISSUES

5. Sustainability Strategic Plan

PACS will have access to the new overall Strategic Plan after the March Board meeting. There was discussion regarding the composition of the Sustainability Strategic Plan committee from five years ago. It was noted that one full time student each semester was part of the committee (total of four students). The need for additional resources, both human and financial, was raised. Discussion will continue.

6. Round-table discussion

Many sustainability initiatives are still being done off the edge of desks. Project funding should be out ahead of when student projects are established. We should align SCEF grants to student initiatives. Foundations are also looking for funding for projects and we should target work in this area and provide a group with ideas.

An update on print optimization will be given at the next meeting.

How is new waste recycling program going? Strategic Plan can focus on program – what is the student experience vs. staff experience? We can use these results in social media.

We should consider having celebratory events involving students and researchers, perhaps a committed space on our website to document stories, and consider the notion of Sustainability Fellows.

Due to pending transitions in the Executive Team, the next meeting may be chaired by either David Gregory, Interim Provost, or Nilgün Önder, AVP (Academic).

7. ADJOURNMENT at 9:30 am

NEXT MEETING: FRIDAY 27 March 2020 8:30 – 10:00 AM (AH 527)

EAMIL TEXT: Roger Petry, 20 January 2020

Dear Sustainability Colleagues,

After our PACS meeting this morning I reviewed some of the Sustainability Fellows programs (Faculty/Staff/Student) and Sustainability Student Internship programs of other RCE partner universities in the Americas. I compiled the attached list with links.

As a fellowship program on campus (that could presumably include the federated colleges too) might be an important part of the new U of R strategic plan, I will also cc Kerri Finlay to share with her committee. I will also share it with Kathryn Ricketts and the Centre for Teaching and Learning as many of the fellowships also focus on revising curricula to incorporate sustainability and the 17 UN sustainable development goals.

If you have interest in specific initiatives, I do know the RCE coordinators for each of these RCEs and they could potentially provide further contact information/background.

Enjoy,

Roger

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Sample of Faculty/Staff Sustainability Fellowships and Student Sustainability Internships at University Partners of RCEs in the Americas

RCE Greater Atlanta:

“Serve Learn Sustain Fellows Program” at Georgia Tech

<https://serve-learn-sustain.gatech.edu/sls-fellows-programs>

RCE Greater Burlington (GBSEN):

“Sustainability Faculty Fellows Program” at University of Vermont

<https://www.uvm.edu/sustain/sustainability-at-uvm/initiatives/sustainability-across-the-curriculum>

RCE British Columbia/North Cascades:

UBC Sustainability Fellowships

<https://sustain.ubc.ca/teaching-applied-learning/sustainability-fellowships>

RCE Greater Portland (GPSEN):

“Faculty Fellows of the Institute for Sustainable Solutions” at Portland State University

<https://www.pdx.edu/sustainability/faculty-fellows-of-the-institute-for-sustainable-solutions-0>

RCE Georgetown (RISE):

“United Nations Georgetown RISE Youth Corps” Internships at Coastal Carolina University

<https://sites.google.com/view/georgetown-rise-internships/about?authuser=0>