
MEMBERS	d Gregory (Chair), B Butz (Resource) K Bommavaram (<i>GSA rep</i>), D Cherwaty, J Crivea, R Konecsni, N Paskewitz, R Petry, M Tajik (<i>PACS student support</i>), S Young
GUESTS	K McNutt, <i>Vice-President (Research)</i>
REGRETS	J Dale, URSU representative

1. Welcome and call to order at 8:30 am. Agenda approved as received. Meeting notes of 29 May 2020 received with an update to J Crivea's statement in the round-table, agenda item 7: *Communications has spoken with URSU about creating 'did you know' statements on their TVs throughout campus.*

OPERATIONS AND OTHER ISSUES

2. PACS membership

- **Addition of Dr Kathy McNutt, Vice-President (Research) as Co-Chair of PACS**

The Chair motioned to add Dr Kathy McNutt, Vice-President (Research), as a co-chair of PACS. This addition will position PACS strongly in the realm of Research and will be a substantial asset to the Committee. Dr McNutt is well connected, both on and off campus and exciting research opportunities and initiatives stand to be gained by having her Co-Chair this Committee.

M / S R Konecsni / J Crivea

CARRIED

- **Term renewal of J Dale and R Konecsni**

In June 2020, B Butz confirmed, via email, the term extensions of both Janis Dale and Ray Konecsni to 30 June 2023. Thank you both for agreeing to stand on this committee for what will be your final three years. As a University, you will help us continue to accomplish great things!

3. Draft 2020-2021 PACS meeting schedule

The proposed meeting schedule attached to the agenda package no longer works as it falls on the same meeting schedule as the Council Committee for Budget. The frequency of these meetings were updated to every one month but upon further discussion, it was agreed that a more realistic schedule is bi-weekly, 45 minute meetings. There is a fair bit of work to do over the coming months: finalize outcomes of the 2015-2020 Strategic Plan for Sustainability; create a 2020-2025 Strategic Plan for Sustainability; review PACS's vision and align the Terms of Reference with the Strategic Plans, etc. B Butz will put together a set of meeting dates and share them with PACS for review.

4. 2020-2025 Sustainability Strategic Plan

The questions below were provided to PACS in advance of this meeting and below are the responses.

1. What should be our top three priorities to move the University of Regina towards a sustainable future?

PACS discussed potential priorities and they are noted as follows:

- Climate change in a research capacity (this will assist in creating an implementation plan).
- Creating a group to work on or outline Structured Energy (inclusive of energy reduction and how we record emissions).
- Providing a more specific focus on research purchasing and funding of student projects.
- Drought Strategy and Water Management (creating an institutional drought strategy and provide innovative ideas in relation to the Province's Water Management Strategy).
- Sharing: space, resources, equipment, etc. PACS members joined in on the various ways the University can be more sustainable by Sharing!
 - Sharing the use of space: looking at what our needs for space actually are and being innovative in finding ways to reduce our footprint while finding existing space for the use of students, new faculty, etc.
 - Sharing the use of resources: software; collaborative procurement with SRNet (other provincial educational institutions); waste and water.
 - Sharing the use of equipment: students being able to utilize FM equipment not being actively utilized; departments and labs sharing equipment with each other; faculties/units offering out equipment they no longer need/actively use; sharing computer equipment; reviewing what we have and what we need (i.e. having both a land line and cell phone; laptop and desktop, etc.).

These ideas around sharing will require a change in mindset and a review of what is actually needed versus their desired need. COVID-19 has created opportunities to change our mindset and pattern but with these changes have come challenges. We need to be innovative and resilient in finding solutions to our challenges without depending on new funding or relying on existing funding. Our campus has done a lot in terms of sharing already (i.e. printing, open source software, etc.) but there is certainly room for more initiatives. The mindset of power and control (over equipment, software, resources) needs to shift to a more autonomous, collaborative and mentor/caretaker type of mindset (working with others, providing oversight and training). Building a system on how we share and something that can track and monitor items and resources would be a start.

- Become a living lab where we demonstrate and monitor our sustainable initiatives. Showcase, publicly, what we're doing and our progress.
- A more long-term, stretch goal is to investigate the idea of digital currency at the University of Regina - What could this look like; What are other Universities doing; and Can something like this be used across Canadian and International Universities? With no guarantee of consistent funding and possible funding cuts, this type of idea could be valuable.

The Co-Chairs thanked PACS for their ideas and noted that some of these can be clustered together, while some are stand-alone outside of the box thinking – which is needed. Each member was asked to summarize their responses and send them to B Butz to collate into one document which will be shared with PACS for review, input and suggestions.

2. How can we as an institution undertake climate actions that respect our many lived experiences and speaks to Indigenous ways of knowing.

The Committee discussed the benefits of inviting E Grafton and other necessary individuals, both internal to the UR and external, to help guide the Strategic Plan for Sustainability's priorities. Their knowledge and insight on the relationships between Indigenous people and their lands will be invaluable. We will aim to invite these guests to PACS by the end of September.

B Butz will send the links to the 2015-2020 Strategic Plan for Sustainability along with the link to the Sustainability Strategic Plan Mid-term Review. These documents will assist PACS in determining what future goals could and should be and will also assist the committee in reporting the final outcomes of the 2015-2020 Strategic Plan for Sustainability.

PACS discussed the timelines for the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan for Sustainability and determined that completion by December 2020 is attainable. The official launch of this document will take place soon after and the idea of planning the launch on or during a significant sustainable day/week would be the goal (i.e. a significant indigenous day, a day associated with one the UN Sustainable Development Goals, etc.)

PACS briefly discussed the need to update the Terms of Reference and Committee membership. The Co-Chairs asked PACS prepare a list of units/individuals they feel should be included as members of, guests of and/or resources to PACS on a go-forward basis (i.e. Communications, URI, Office of Indigenization, etc.). This list of individuals will be discussed at the next meeting.

3. ADJOURNMENT at 11:33 am

NEXT MEETING: TBC
