

MEMBERS d Gregory (Co-Chair), K McNutt (Co-Chair), B Butz (Resource), K Bommavaram (*GSA rep*), D Cherwaty, J Crivea, J Dale, R Konecsni, N Paskewitz, R Petry, G Singh Lehal (*URSU rep*), N Tajik (*PACS student support*), S Young

1. Welcome and call to order at 10:30 am

Agenda and meeting notes from 27 August 2020 received without emendation.

OPERATIONS AND OTHER ISSUES

2. 2020 – 2021 meeting dates

Based on the 27 August meeting, B Butz created a 2020 – 2021 PACS meeting date schedule. Committee members have no issue with this schedule and will attend as they can/are able.

3. Sustainability: year of transition

With the support of the Interim President, the Co-Chairs discussed the idea of 2020 – 2021 being a year of transition and revision for PACS. With the creation of a new Strategic Plan for Sustainability (SPS), we need to break away from the current and outdated Terms of Reference in order to move ourselves forward. Once the new SPS is created, an updated/new Terms of Reference document, which will include a renewed membership and resource list, will be formed. It will be the goal of this Committee to provide strong advisory support to the new President.

A motion to work outside the current Terms of Reference for the 2020 – 2021 year, with the notion to update/create the PACS Terms of Reference and a Communications Strategy that align with the 2020 – 2025 Strategic Plan, was put forward.

M/S D Cherwaty / K McNutt

CARRIED

4. 2015 – 2020 Strategic Plan for Sustainability: outcomes

Thanks to M (Noor) Tajik for putting together this initial review of outcomes and measures from the 2015 – 2020 SPS. PACS is happy with this initial review document but would like to ensure the projects that have been initiated but that have not progressed any further, be included (i.e. Geothermal Energy). It is important to recognize the hours of work put into some of these projects/initiatives even though they are at a standstill (completed studies, promotions, etc.). PACS will await a more finalized report of the 2015 – 2020 SPS and will be available, individually if necessary, for further consultation.

5. 2020 – 2025 Strategic Plan for Sustainability

Potential Coordinator(s)

K McNutt has offered PACS the support and assistance of Ms Supriya Bhat, a PhD graduate of UR Biochemistry. Ms Bhat has completed her postdoctoral fellowship in biology and is currently a part-time Research Associate in the Dahms lab. K McNutt is confident in her abilities and believes she would do a fantastic job in assisting this Committee with the creation

of the 2020 – 2025 SPS. PACS has no issue with this offer and looks forward to working with and meeting Ms Bhat. S Bhat will be invited to all meetings and will likely reach out to individual Committee members in order to gain more knowledge and information to move this Plan forward.

Along with the new SPS, S Bhat will also work with PACS on generating a Final Report for the 2015 – 2020 SPS.

Review priorities

Again, thanks go to M (Noor) Tajik for collating everyone’s list of potential priorities for the 2020 – 2025 SPS.

The priorities listed are a great start and PACS would like to see current, ongoing and idle projects/initiatives be incorporated as future goals/outcomes. Owing to a lack of time, this agenda item will be discussed in more details at the 24 September meeting where S Bhat will be present.

Next Steps

Invite S Bhat and Communications to the next meeting, 24 September.

6. ADJOURNMENT at 11:15 am

NEXT MEETING: 24 September 2020 10:15 – 11:00 AM (Zoom)
