
MEMBERS	d Gregory (Co-Chair), K McNutt (Co-Chair), B Butz (Resource), D Cherwaty, J Crivea (<i>at 2:09pm</i>), J Dale, R Konecni, N Paskewitz, R Petry, H Tait (<i>URSU rep</i>)
GUESTS	C Daskalchuk, <i>URSU Food Services Coordinator</i> ; J Raymond, <i>Student Affairs</i> ; C Reyda, <i>Facilities Management</i> ; Yaya Siggins, <i>UR International</i> ; C Stange, <i>Sustainability and Climate Action Officer</i> ; B Waytuck, <i>University Library</i>
REGRETS	S Bhat, <i>Research and Development Consultant</i> ; GSA representative; E Limacher, <i>University Advancement & Communications</i> ; N Tajik (<i>PACS student support</i>); S Young

1. Welcome and call to order at 1:30 pm

Agenda received without emendation. URSU's Food Services Coordinator, Cassidy Daskalchuk, was introduced to PACS as an active member of the Committee who will represent URSU.

PACS engaged in a quick round-table discussion. R Petry informed PACS of the University of Saskatoon's and the City of Saskatoon's partnership on Climate. PACS would like to see a similar relationship between the UR and City of Regina.

R Petry moved that the University of Regina explore an agreement with the City of Regina on Climate and other sustainable goals. H Tait added that URSU be included in such an agreement.

M/S – Petry / Dale

CARRIED

Upon further discussion and recognition that PACS is advisory to the President, it was determined that this would need to be a recommendation to the President (that he sign an agreement). R Petry also mentioned the idea of including Saskatchewan Polytechnic in the agreement.

At the end of this discussion, PACS agreed to table this motion as further discussions need to occur.

Co-Chair Gregory moved to table the above motion as further discussions need to occur.

M-Gregory

CARRIED

LEADERSHIP, COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT

2. Sustainability and Community Engagement Fund (SCEF)

- PACS agreed to tie this call for applications to the new Sustainability Action Plan and will promote it in January 2022.
- The Co-Chairs will request funding support from SLT to increase the amount of funds in this FOAPAL and the amount of awards to be distributed.

- In order to increase the threshold of awards (from \$2,000/award), the oversight of this fund will be transferred to the Research Office. As the Provost's Office would not have the capacity to oversee, manage and audit larger awards, Co-Chair McNutt advised that the Research Office would have the capacity.

3. Sustainability Month

- *Communications roll out:* During Sustainability Month, Communications will create a communications plan and will release sustainability stories and actions that have taken place throughout the course of this past year. PACS decided not to release each thematic groups' top priorities as they do not want to reveal the Sustainability Action Plan in advance of its official release.
- *Planned activities:*
 - URSU is having a Sustainability Town Hall on October 14.
 - Co-Chair McNutt noted there is a possibility for some panel discussions to be planned.
 - PACS discussed the idea of an opening ceremony to launch Sustainability Month and the Co-Chairs will bring this idea forward to the AVPIE and FNUUniv.

In order to have sustainability activities in one location, Co-Chair McNutt will send a message to campus asking that people add their Sustainability events to the UR Events Calendar. To ensure our student events are included, URSU will add their Sustainability events to the UR Events Calendar as well.

OPERATIONS AND OTHER ISSUES

4. 2021-2026 Sustainability Action Plan: Document creation/finalization

B Butz will forward the Word version of the template attached to the agenda package to all Thematic Working Group Leads and Co-Leads. In a clear and concise manner, the Leads and Co-Leads will input all of the priorities their respective working groups agreed to move forward into the Sustainability Action Plan. This information will form the base of the Plan itself.

Once this information is received, a smaller group of PACS will review it and identify any gaps. Once ready, a meeting of all volunteers will be called to review a draft version of the Plan. Once we have the Ok, the plan will move into the final stages or creation (formatting, printing, etc.)

It was noted that we have missed incorporating the Indigenization/Reconciliation and EDI perspectives. The Co-Chairs and H Tait will reach out to the AVPIE and the FNUUniv Student Groups to ask for advice on how best to address Indigenization/Reconciliation into each Theme or whether another approach might make sense. The Co-Chairs will do the same with incorporating the EDI perspectives. The inclusion of these very important and imperative perspectives will take some time and we will need to adjust our timelines accordingly.

5. Sustainability Office

The Co-Chairs shared with PACS that President Keshen has endorsed the idea of a Sustainability Office. A funding proposal to move this plan forward will be submitted to the one-time funds available to the University of Regina by the Provincial Government.

6. ADJOURNMENT at 2:30 pm

NEXT MEETING: Thursday October 14, 2021 1:30 – 2:30 PM (Zoom)