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

1. Welcome and call to order. Receipt of agenda and October 14, 2021 meeting notes.

The Co-Chairs acknowledged that PACS has not met since October 2021, and provided PACS an update on a few things that are happening and that are in the works: The Office of Sustainability is forging ahead and has received a good response from the budget committee; The Research Action Plan is being launched and climate change is a signature area; Finalizing getting a controller for micro-grid on campus.

Agenda and meeting notes from October 14, 2021, received without emendation.

OPERATIONS AND OTHER ISSUES

2. Update: 2021-2026 Sustainability Action Plan

Inclusion of EDI and Indigenous/Reconciliation perspectives

- Pauline Street has provided some EDI comments to the draft plan.
- The Provost's Office provided the Office of Indigenous Engagement some funding to hire a research assistant to assist in adding in the Indigenous/Reconciliation perspectives. This is scheduled to be complete by the end of February.
- Once these additions have been completed, PACS will need to review the additions to ensure they are supported.

Outcomes: Action Plan sub-committee tasked with reviewing and identifying gaps

- The sub-Committee met in mid-December to discuss gaps in the action plan. As PACS already noted, there are gaps surrounding water and C Daskalchuk noted the gaps around food security, which is a major issue for our students. R Petry compared these to the SDGs and the sub-committee is now incorporating that into the plan. J Dale offered to create a preamble for the entire document focusing on the inclusive items that need to be laid out at the beginning of the plan.
Once the additions have been added, C Stange will share the document with the sub-committee and C Reyda will begin identifying some units to associate these actions with. Co-Chair McNutt noted the importance of including the new Sustainability Office (Director) in these decisions as they will have some interest in how everything is organized.
- This sub-Committee will meet again in mid-March once the EDI and Indigenous/Reconciliation perspectives are added.

Launch date

- Providing the new Office of Sustainability a completed Action Plan will be very helpful and beneficial to our sustainability progress and success.
- PACS agreed to plan a Launch of the Sustainability Action Plan in coordination with the launch of a Sustainability Office for September 1, 2022. Extending the launch of this action plan will provide additional time to complete it and obtain feedback/approval from the individual working groups.
- Co-Chair Gregory asked E Limacher to communicate to campus an update on our progress. The Co-Chairs will work with E Limacher to send this message out.

3. Update: UR/City partnership, City Studio partnership, and the Post-secondary - Municipal Partnership

Co-Chair McNutt advised that there is an MOU going forward with the City but it is largely focused on cross promotion and supporting each other in large scale projects. C Stange advised that the City of Regina is currently working on an Energy and Sustainability Framework to get the City to 100% Renewable by 2050 (overall goal). Once this framework is complete, she feels we would be in a good position to approach the City with a sustainability partnership, as the framework would become a valuable tool in determining priorities. This type of partnership/MOU would be initiated by the PACS Co-Chairs to the President and formalized between the President and the Mayor of Regina.

In the coming weeks, University officials will be meeting with CityStudio to discuss a partnership. The current focus is on water quality and the possibility of having a second or third year Biology class test water (waste water, fresh water, lakes, etc.). K McNutt will be discussing this idea with Dean Farenick. If there are any other ideas, please reach out to K McNutt as she is happy to hear them.

The University is engaged in several research Post-Secondary Municipal partnerships, i.e. waste water analysis, water quality, fisheries, etc.

4. Round-table

This is B Butz's last meeting with PACS as she will be moving over to Graduate Studies and Research in February. PACS extends their thanks to B Butz for all of her work over the years she has supported this Committee.

D Cherwaty left the PACS meeting so PACS could discuss his SCEF application regarding a mural in a stairwell on campus.

PACS discussed this application and D Cherwaty's responses to their questions. **PACS agreed to funding this SCEF application in the full amount of \$2,000 but with some conditions.** Though the SCEF guidelines state that it will not support payment to any individuals working on a project, PACS has agreed to make an exception in this instance and allow payment to commission a student artist. To aid in this project, URSU suggests that the student artist apply for their project event and conference funding, as the student could be awarded up to \$600 in additional funds for supplies. PACS is also requesting that this group coordinate with UAC as UAC has been tasked with livening up our main entrances into campus and PACS feels there is room for these two groups to work together.

A motion to support D Cherwaty's SCEF request in the amount of \$2,000 and make a one-time exception to providing an honourarium to a student to commission the artwork was made. In addition to this approval, PACS asks that this team work with UAC and apply to URSU's project event and conference fund for some additional funding to put toward supplies.

M/S K McNutt / N Paskewitz

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ADJOURNMENT at 2:11 pm

NEXT MEETING: [Thursday February 17, 2021 1:30 – 2:30 PM \(Zoom\)](#)