



Friday 29 November 2019 / 8:30 – 10:00 am / AH 527

MEMBERS	T Chase (Chair), D Cherwaty, J Dale, Y Gray (Resource), R Konecsni, N Paskewitz, R Petry, B Ridha (<i>URSU rep</i>), M Tajik (<i>PACS student support</i>), S Young
REGRETS	J Crivea

1. Welcome and call to order at 8:30 am. Agenda items #6 AND #7 to be reversed; agenda approved as amended. Meeting notes of 27 September 2019 received without emendation.

The Chair noted that N Paskewitz and M Tajik presented to E of C in October; their presentation was received favourably.

LEADERSHIP, COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT

2. Update for Sustainability Month Ecochallenge

Presenter: Mahnoor (Noor) Tajik (Sustainability Student support)

The Sustainability Challenge was held in October and the University of Regina placed 38th out of 814 worldwide participant groups. 210 U of R students enrolled. Individual Winner – Julia Peterson; Group Winners – Facilities Management and Centre for Continuing Education.

3. Community Engagement

Presenter: Noor Tajik (Sustainability Student support)

- a. **Coffee on Us** in partnership with University Food Services will provide free coffee for refillable containers during the two-week exam period – December 9-13 and 16-20. Coffee will be located outside of the Library and refreshed at 8 AM, 12 Noon, and 5 PM.
- b. **Fairtrade Initiative.** Reported that the equipment has been installed and all catered coffee is now Fairtrade. The equipment at the Global Village has been ordered. The Owl and Henderson café are serving Fairtrade coffee. Talks with Luther College are ongoing. They are working with Hospitality to offer Fairtrade chocolate products in the vending machines and coffee in the instant coffee machines. The committee is on track to apply for designation by April 2021. The committee asks that Fairtrade be made a priority in the new strategic plan discussions.
- c. **Urban Forest.** PACS received a letter requesting support to save the urban forest located at the Regent Park Par 3 Golf Course. It was noted that this initiative is off campus and not part of the SCEF Terms of Reference. URSU will be representing the student body at the town hall meeting where the issue will be discussed at the local level.
- d. **Gardening on Campus.** The Student Coordinator met with Tayef Ahmed to discuss his request for indoor gardening spaces. The Student Coordinator connected him with URSU who is researching a hydroponic system on campus. Companion planting of different species was suggested to be included in an established program. The U of S has indoor projects already incorporated and committee could reach out to them and request their expertise. The Food Bank also offers courses about plants that can be grown in-house during winter months.
- e. **ENACTUS Sustainability Innovation Challenge** has been postponed until spring 2020 and the cheque has been returned.
- f. **Green House Gas Emissions.** Questions about GHG reduction brought to discussion. Committee agreed to bring forward during strategic planning process. It is not only a question of what happens on campus, but of off-campus activities with high environmental impact, including air travel. Suggested further discussion on the travel issue be held at a future meeting.

- g. **JDC West Conference.** The PACS committee agreed to provide informational items for the conference packages. 700 delegates from across Canada will be attending.

J Dale asked the Sustainability Coordinator provide her with information to include in the Faculty newsletter.

WASTE, ENERGY AND TRANSPORTATION

4. Food Diversion Initiative with URSU and ENACTUS

Presenter: Noor Tajik (Sustainability Student support)

The *FeedBank* has been created with partnership with Enactus Regina. The focus is requesting campus vendors to divert excess food. Currently, diverted food is being sent to Sofia House and YWCA. The Owl (URSU) is active partner and committee looking forward to including Chartwells at later date. The catering form will include a check-off area where food diversion can be requested.

Discussion:

Can a Facebook page be created to alert students food is available and where it is located?

Liability issue – public health. The Act specifies the food handling requirements. D Cherway has a contact to public health and will provide to Sustainability Coordinator. The Sustainability Coordinator assured the committee that provisions of the Act had been considered and were being followed.

There needs to be an exploration of the different ways this initiative can be incorporated on campus, such as working with the food court vendors to provide left over food to students at discounted prices at end of day.

Removal of vending machines providing bottles drinks was discussed. Efforts to reduce plastic contribution that come from these machines by taking this initiative.

Discussion:

How do we enable this program and mitigate pushback? Committee should focus on an implementation plan with a suggested 2025 phase out period.

A smaller phase out period with six month increments was suggested starting with supplying drink dispensers sooner than later.

Reduce the exposure to sugar drinks and provide ways of how we think about ourselves by reducing the ability to make poor choices. What is influencing student's choices?

ACTION: To develop a strategy to present to the President.

OPERATIONS AND OTHER ISSUES

5. SCEF Fall Funding Applications

Presenter: Noor Tajik (Sustainability Student support)

Application deadline – December 11. Committee meeting to be scheduled prior to Christmas break to review the applications and select the projects that will be funded. A PDF package of the applications will be sent to committee members prior to meeting.

6. 8th RCE Conference of the Americas

Presenter: Roger Petry, Coordinator UNU RCE Sask

Roger reviewed the presentation he made at RCE Conference of the Americas. A link to the website was provided to enable committee members to read conference submissions.

7. The SDG Accord

Presenter: Noor Tajik (Sustainability Student support)

Noor reviewed the mandate of the Accord and who should be a member. This initiative may be one of the things the University does as part of the Strategic plan.

Discussion:

We need to look at this proposal and what it means. Can we meet the economics of plan targets?

Has the university reached its maximum student enrollment? What are the implications of capping enrollment, especially in an era when government support is flat or declining?

How do they match up? Noted that STARS and AASHE are partners of the SDG Accord.

The Initiative would provide us with the ability to measure our sustainability progress.

MOTION: to refer SDG Accord strategy to Strategic Planning committee as an option to include in the overall Strategic Plan.
m/s R Petry / J Dale

Amendment to Motion: that the STARS initiative also be forwarded to Strategic Planning Committee. CARRIED

8. Round-table discussion
Nothing noted.

9. **ADJOURNMENT at 10:00 am**

NEXT MEETING: [FRIDAY 31 January 2020 8:30 – 10:00 AM \(AH 527\)](#)

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