Sustainability Charter Committee

Monday, March 26

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

**Suite 1650, University Capitol Centre**

(Office of Sustainability)

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Update on Office of Sustainability Transition – Professor Barbara Eckstein
3. Green Sports Alliance – Tony Senio, Athletic Grounds Supervisor, Finkbine Golf Course
4. Next meeting and adjournment

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Matthieu Biger, Blake Rupe, Ioannis Koutsonikolis, Barbara Eckstein, Brian Thompson, Heather Sander, Margaret Beck

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Liz Christiansen, Sara Maples, Jennifer Thompson

**TRANSITION TEAM UPDATE**

Barbara Eckstein provided an update on the Office of Sustainability from her perspective as a member of the transition team. The transition team is developing a job description for the sustainability director and will be advertising soon.

In the Office of Sustainability proposal submitted by CLAS, an advisory committee was identified consisting of internal and external partners. Members discussed the role of the SCC and brainstormed ideas for how the two committees could work together. There needs to be additional discussion about which committee will provide key oversight to the Office of Sustainability.

A few ideas were suggested for moving forward:

* Representative members could serve on both committees and the SCC could add a formal liaison from CLAS (Marc Armstrong?)
* The SCC could oversee day-to-day operations while the advisory committee could include external partners and distinguished participants (similar structure to an NGO or academic program)
* The advisory committee could function as a sub-committee of the SCC

**OTHER**

The SCC members then discussed the idea of campus as a living lab and opportunities for the Office of Sustainability to facilitate connections on campus and in the community.

The value of STARS reporting was discussed. Other reporting avenues include but are not limited to Princeton top 300 green schools, Sierra club 100 cool schools, and EPA green schools for energy. The future director should provide guidance on an appropriate reporting framework and advise on which certifications to pursue. Moving forward, one of the main goals of reporting should be to engage departments in a conversation on how to improve their sustainability performance. UIHC should continue to be included in the discussion and would like to establish baseline targets for improved performance.

Tony was called away due to inclement weather but agreed to be on the April agenda.

 NEXT MEETING: April 23, 2018

10:30 am – 12:00 pm

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