Sustainability Charter Committee

February 6, 2019

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

**Room 301, Communications Center**

(Office of Sustainability)

Members Present: Tony Senio, Brian Thompson, Mattieu B, Emily Manders, Eden DeWald, Ioannis Koutsonikolis, Shaun Vecera, Heather Sander, Blake Rupe, Barbara Eckstein

Ex Officio Present: Don Guckert, Rich Hichwa, Stratis Giannakouros

Sustainability Career Student Workshop- March 28th

* Panel of speakers: recent grads- well established, break off into working groups
* Alumni and Area speakers
  + Jason Taylor- Bur Oak
* Jenni Stacy Adams, DEOs, Center for Career Advancement, OSE, Engineering, Tippie to be involved
* Located in IMU

Hiring New Interns

* Two Project Lead Interns
* One Communications Intern
* Start in March

Working with Coca Cola- Water Project

* Meeting on Feb 20th
* Student presentation? (On the 20th)
* Working with High School students, citizen science
  + Mary, Lakeside Labs
* Bioreactors, - FFA, along with under grad engineering?
* International Project with Coca Cola- Craig Just

Success At Iowa Sustainability Module

* Exposure to every student through Success at Iowa Module
* Proposal: Has to be tailored to the needs of Success at Iowa
* Gathering support from campus partners

Hiring OSE Program Manager

* Hired Blake Rupe- at 50% now
* OSE will come back with divided list of tasks (and strategic planning)
* Blake will continue as co-chair for the time being.
  + Should refer to staff council - Brian will ask (or ex-officio members will.)

UISG Sustainability Resolution

* + Two pieces of legislation:
    - One for Success at Iowa
    - One for general sustainability education
* Potentially passed every year
* Send legislation to staff council, faculty senate, etc, once passed

Partnering with Iowa City on CAAB

* UI needs to be involved for the plan to meet its goals
* Potential for student engagements
* Opportunity to have goals in absence of sustainability goals

Upcoming Events Noted:

* Cecilia Vicuna visiting artist: 7:30 on Feb 14th
* Scott Denning Spring Lecture April 16th

Provost Investment Fund Proposal

* + Teams of faculty, grad, undergrads
  + Funding for the research of the teams: 100,000 each for three years
  + Sustainability applied research on campus

Highway Equipment Co in Cedar Rapids- Fertilizer spreading equipment etc

* OSE engaging corporate partners
  + Engineering Students: projects, job exp.

Parking and Transporation Meeting Update

* + Possibility of Sustainable Transit Intern
    - Share with Parking and Transportation

Stratis first informed the committee of the Sustainability Careers Student Workshop on March 25th in the IMU. He is collecting the names of recent, mid-career, or later UI graduates and others not just alumni who would be important models for current students interested in careers in sustainability in all its possible manifestations.

The Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE) is hiring three student interns to begin this semester and continue into next year. Two will be project leads and the third will be a communications intern. Seniors graduating May 2019 should not apply.

UI and OSE are working with Coca Cola on a Water Project in Iowa. Jonathan Radtke from Coca Cola was expected on campus February 20. (Due to the weather that visit was pushed back to March 8, 12:30-1:15 in SH Rm 40.) Coke has talked with IIHR and will meet with them again. Craig Just in Environmental Engineering and IIHR has/will? Apply for a grant from Coke to do work in Nicaragua. Committee members suggested that Mary Skopec at Lakeside Lab be pulled into this relationship.

Ioannis reported that the sustainability wing of UISG is applying to include a new sustainability module in the Success at Iowa initiation program for all new UI students. UISG is also preparing a Renters’ Guide for all UI students. Discussion included the expressed desire for more sustainability content in the On Iowa program for new students the week before classes begin in August. The Academic Affairs and Sustainability committees of UISG were proposing two resolutions pertinent to Sustainability for a UISG vote. One was the pursuit of the Success at Iowa initiative above and the other addresses formal integration of sustainability into the education requirements at UI.

Stratis introduced Blake Rupe, our co-chair, as the new Project Manager for OSE. Coming yet this spring Stratis and Blake will clarify for the committee what duties each of them will have both through May 2019 and longer term. Blake will be in OSE just 50% until May due to other commitments in the C of Engineering. The committee discussed whether Blake could be both Project Manager and co-chair of the committee through August of 2019. Brian, Don, and Stratis all offered to sort this out with Staff Council.

The advisory committee for Iowa City Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) seeks to partner with UI through research and engagement. CAAP is proposing /formed a university working group. A cities working group including North Liberty and Coralville was also discussed. Stratis is attending the CAAP meeting March 4.

OSE—Stratis, with Dave Bennet in Geography and Andrew Forbes in Biology applied for support through the Provost Investment Fund. The proposal focuses on teams of faculty, graduate students, and undergraduate students to do use-inspired research. The money would be directed at graduate and undergraduate students for sustainability research.

Highway Equipment Company, a corporation in Cedar Rapids that produces 80% of the world’s fertilizer spreaders—among other equipment,—invited Stratis to create for them a corporate workshop that provides them a sustainability business case (rather than simply a sustainable business case).

Students reported on action in the Parking and Transportation Charter Committee to hire a sustainable transportation intern. There is discussion afoot to possibly share the cost and duties of such an intern between the Office of Parking and the OSE. The Office of Parking is currently getting a new director. Right now there is no sustainability mandate understood and embraced by the Office of Parking.

We next meet Wednesday, March 13, 1-2:30 in 301 Communications Center.