Sustainability Charter Committee

Friday, April 11, 2014

10:30 AM

**\*\*\* University Services Building Room 202 \*\*\***

AGENDA

1. Call to order – Art Bettis and Brian Thompson, Co-chairs
2. [OPEN Party Sustainability Platform](http://openpartyuniversityofiowa.weebly.com/sustainability.html) – Jeffrey Ding, candidate for UISG Vice President
3. Fuel choice discussion – Don Guckert, Glen Mowery, Ben Fish
4. Subcommittee reports
5. Next meeting and adjournment

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Art Bettis, Sara Maples, Wilfrid Nixon, Tyler Priest, Erika Raber

Liaisons Present: Liz Christiansen, Don Guckert, Dave Ricketts, Scott Seagren, Deb Tiemens

Others Present: Shawn Albaugh Kleppe, Jeffrey Ding, Ben Fish, Glen Mowery

OPEN PARTY SUSTAINABILITY PLATFORM - Jeffrey Ding, candidate for UISG Vice President, provided an overview of OPEN Party Sustainability Platform.

Discussion included faculty travel and greenhouse gas emissions and recognition for choosing electronic presentation/participation instead of traveling.

FUEL CHOICE DISCUSSION - Don Guckert, Glen Mowery and Ben Fish solicited discussion on treated expired seed corn as another renewable energy source.

Discussion included known pros and cons of burning corn, a seasonal or year-round supply stream, chemical/chemistry of the coating of seed coat and the potential risk for emissions, permitting, benefits from diverting waste from landfill or disposal, and a possible partnership with EPA, from an experimental perspective.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Education Outreach Subcommittee – job descriptions for the director of the UI Office of Sustainability, Communications Specialist and Recycling Coordinator were shared with the group.

Educational Development Subcommittee – the memo is finalized and an appointment with Beth Ingram in the Provost’s Office has been scheduled for April 22.

OTHER ITEMS - John Staley of UIHC Administration will attend the May 9th meeting to provide an overview of sustainability efforts by the UIHC.

NEXT MEETING

April 25, 2014, will be individual meetings of the subcommittees.

May 9, 2014 will be our next formal meeting.