Sustainability Charter Committee

Friday, May 9, 2014

10:30 AM

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

AGENDA

1. Call to order – Art Bettis and Brian Thompson, Co-chairs
2. UI Hospitals and Clinics Sustainability Efforts – John Staley, Senior Associate Director, University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics
3. Climate Narrative Project – Jeff Biggers, Sustainability Writer in Residence
4. Subcommittee reports
5. Next meeting and adjournment

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- Meeting Minutes –

Members Present: Ben Anderson, Art Bettis, Ilsa DeWald, Erika Raber, Brian Thompson,

Kelsey Zlevor

Liaisons Present: Liz Christiansen, Don Guckert, Marty Shafer, Deb Tiemens

Others Present: Shawn Albaugh Kleppe, Jeff Biggers, Doug Litwiller, Michelle Ribble, John Staley

UI HOSPITALS AND CLINICS SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS

John Staley, Senior Associate Director, presented the sustainability efforts being undertaken by faculty and staff at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics

Discussion included the grassroots programs developed by staff and faculty of UIHC.

CLIMATE NARRATIVE PROJECT

Jeff Biggers, Sustainability Writer in Residence, introduced committee members and liaisons to the Climate Narrative Project and discussed the Climate Narrative Project’s student fellows’ projects.

Discussion included the gap between science and action, lack of urgency and engagement, the Narrative’s strategies, and plans for next semester.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

The Outreach/Education Subcommittee reported a change in direction. The group is now analyzing education and outreach needs instead of the creation of a position.

The Educational Development Subcommittee reported meeting with Associate Dean Helena Dettmer to discuss a sustainability course as part of the in the General Education requirements.

OTHER ITEMS

The Miscanthus fuel project kicked off with a 15-acre planting just south of Iowa City.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled For Friday, June 6th. It was decided to meet once per month through the summer. Subcommittees may be scheduled once monthly, as well.