Sustainability Charter Committee

Thursday, November 2

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

**Suite 1650, University Capitol Centre**

(Office of Sustainability)

AGENDA

1. Call to order –Brian Thompson and Ty Priest, Co-chairs
2. Priorities for Action Review
3. President Harreld and Provost Curry – arrive at 1:30 pm
   1. Provost Curry to discuss Office of Sustainability
   2. Committee to present Priorities for Action
4. Next meeting and adjournment

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October 5, 2017

Meeting Minutes

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MEMBERS/LIASONS PRESENT: Don Guckert, Ty Priest, Brian Thompson, Heather Sander, Matthieu Biger, Sophie Coker Gunnink, Ioannis Koutsonikolis, Tony Senio, Krista Osadchuk

OTHERS PRESENT: Travis Kraus, Jordan Brown

Travis Kraus – Iowa Initiative for Sustainable Communities

Travis gave some background on the work that IISC does in Iowa. IISC builds mutually beneficial partnerships between the University of Iowa and Iowa communities to foster a holistic pursuit of sustainability in those places while utilizing UI faculty expertise and enhancing student learning.

Jordan Brown - Outreach and Engagement 2018 Theme Semester

Jordan spoke regarding the upcoming 2018 Theme Semester “A Climate for Change”. Theme Semester initiatives fall into 8 categories:

* Speakers
* Fieldwork
* Tours
* Curricular Initiatives
* Campus/Citywide Initiatives
* Arts and Sustainability
* Environmental Justice
* Theme-Semester Promotion

Preparation for President Harreld and Provost Curry:

Don Guckert and Ty Priest discussed the situation surrounding the Office of Sustainability as it currently stands as well as the process moving forward. It was suggested that last year’s priorities for action be translated into concrete examples of success since their establishment as well as concrete examples for their future application.

The group as a whole discussed the promotion of sustainability to undergraduates, potentially though the integration of sustainability education in the Success at Iowa online course that is required for first year students. Other ideas include undergraduate surveys to gauge sustainability efforts and integration on campus and Student Organization Sustainability trainings.

Next Meeting -Possible Agenda Items:

* Meeting with President Harreld, Provost Curry
* Office of Sustainability relocation
* Priorities for Action
  + Concrete Successes and Concrete Goals

Next Meeting: November 2, 2017

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