Sustainability Charter Committee

Monday, April 23

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

**Suite 1650, University Capitol Centre**

(Office of Sustainability)

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. UIHC Sustainability Efforts – Jennifer Thompson, Assistant Director for Support Services
3. Green Sports Alliance – Tony Senio, Athletic Grounds Supervisor, Finkbine Golf Course
4. Next meeting and adjournment

**MEMBERS PRESENT**: Barbara Eckstein, Brian Thompson, Heather Sander, Blake Rupe, Ioannis Koutsonikolis, Mattieu Biger, Sophie Koker Gunnick

**OTHERS PRESENT**: Jen Thompson, Sara Maples, Glen Rogers, Marisa Polonsky, David Weetman, Doug Robertson, Don Guckert, Ion “Bodi” Vasi, Liz Christiansen

**UNIVERSITY OF IOWA HEALTH CARE UPDATE**

Marisa Polonsky gave an update on the background and current sustainability efforts at UIHC. The UIHC Sustainability Committee was created in summer 2017. The charge of the committee aligns with the 2020 vision, and is comprised of senior leadership at UIHC.

Glen Rogers, Environmental Services: Changes are being made to reduce chemical use and incorporate Green Seal Certified projects. Some efforts include: eliminating paper in exam rooms, sealing cracks to manage pests, incorporating tiny trash and recycled paper liners and moving to microfiber mops and rags.

Doug Robertson, food and nutrition services: FNS serves 11K meals per day. In 2012, the department initiated food waste reduction measures and increased the amount of food donated to Table to Table. The department achieved 54% reduction in the number of food servings wasted since embarking on the initiative. Food and nutrition services has moved to 100% recyclable or organic disposables.

David Weetman, Acute Care Pharmacy Services: UICH spends 32 Million dollars per year on pharmaceuticals. To eliminate waste, the department has moved to batch production and reusing medications whenever possible. UIHC has purchased the Cactus Smart Sink to securely capture partially administered or used controlled substances and renders them “unrecoverable, non-retrievable and unusable.” The Smart Sink reduces drug diversion and improves patient safety. Medsafe disposal bins are located in the hospital for patients to use to safely dispose of pharmaceutical waste.

The presenters offered to make the slides available to the Sustainability Charter Committee. David Weetman expressed interest in partnering with undergraduates working in data analytics. Sara Maples to follow-up with the College of Business.

**UI OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE**

Barbara Eckstein gave a quick update on the status of hiring for the director position.

Tony Senio was not able to attend the meeting but plans to present at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING: May 21, 2018

10:30 am – 12:00 pm

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