Sustainability Charter Committee

Wednesday, May 8

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

**Room 301, Communications Center**

(Office of Sustainability)

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Announcement – Open to all present
3. Impromptu new business for this agenda – Open to all present
4. Update on Office of Sustainability and the Environment from Stratis Giannakouros
5. Old business
   1. Website Update
   2. P3 Update
   3. 2030 Goals
6. New business – Open to all present

Emily Manders efficiently handed out name tags and assigned them to new members.

Call to order

* Meeting called to order 1:08 PM by Barbara Eckstein.
* Introductions of old members and incoming members. Incoming members are David Conrads, Melissa Meisterheim, and Jennifer Hammerich.

Announcements/New Business

* Stratis Giannakouros and Tony Senio discussed the prairie project which was well-received and had widespread approval among staff; the prairie will be located near cross country facilities. Dr. Sander noted that the prairie will provide added project value to her Ecosystem Services class. Land will be cleared ASAP.
* Tony Senio briefed Athletics staff on the role of the Charter Committee and on the 2020 goals.
* The Hospital is holding its quarterly sustainability meeting July 25. Stratis Giannakouros will present on this date.
* Sustainability Major has been officially approved and begins Fall 2019.
* Emily Manders is the undergraduate student representative on P3 committee meetings. Christian Bako is the graduate student representative.
* Christian Bako discussed a Sustainability News Network to connect community to sustainability resources via communications intern (Hallie Lartius) in the OSE.
* A large native pollinator garden, student led, is now on the East side of the bridge.

Update on Office of Sustainability and the Environment from Stratis

* Stratis briefed the committee on meetings with Quaker Oats and RECs, the Coca-Cola water quality project, and a Latinx-rural community project in Iowa.
* Beth Mackenzie is leading the move-out week “Donate Don’t Dump,” Barbara Eckstein suggested integrating the City in the process (apartment leases, etc.) in future years.

Old Business

* Website has gone under major design improvements. Content from Hallie Lartius features interviews and stories about sustainability initiatives on campus. Site better integrates social media.
* Hunter Staszak provided an update on the latest P3 meeting, noting that RFQ responses are due June 14, and meetings with the Governor, Board of Regents, etc. will occur before a decision on whether to move on with the process around July 11.
* The Sustainability Charter Committee letter was reviewed, and it will be sent after final edits are made by mid-week next week, around May 15.
* Dialogue on 2030 goals began. A review of where we stood in the 2020 goals was done. Dr. Sander proposed that 2030 goals should incorporate Sustainable Landscaping, as this was absent from previous goal setting. A discussion on reduced pesticide/chemical application on lawns occurred.

New Business

* New members David Conrads, Melissa Meisterheim, and Jennifer Hammerich shared their motivations for being on the Charter Committee.

Meeting adjourned, 2:37 pm.

Emily Manders took the name plates and organized them for the next meeting.

Next Meeting:

August 2019

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