Sustainability Charter Committee

Monday, February 21, 2017

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

**Suite 1650, University Capitol Centre**

(Office of Sustainability)

AGENDA

1. Call to order –Dawn Kluber and Ty Priest, Co-chairs
2. Paper use in classrooms – Sean Finn
3. Priority action plan review
4. Next meeting and adjournment

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Meeting Minutes

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MEMBERS/LIAISONS PRESENT: Todd Bagby, Margaret Beck, Amanda Bittorf, Barbara Eckstein, Sarah Gardner, Don Guckert, Dawn Kluber, Heather Sander, Antonio Senio, Brian Thompson

OTHERS PRESENT: Shawn Albaugh Kleppe, Sean Finn, George McCrory

PAPER USE IN CLASSROOMS:

Sean Finn, Senator with the University of Iowa Student Government, engaged committee members in a discussion about the use of paper in classrooms. Discussion topics are below:

1. Reasons for using paper notes
   1. Individual learning style – connecting classroom visual with handwritten notes
   2. Professors disallow electronic devices in classrooms
   3. Paper note packets are available, so they’re used
2. Possible ways to encourage non-paper note taking
   1. Teaching non-paper note-taking skills in a required course such as rhetoric
   2. Posting presentations well ahead of time in a format that facilitates note-taking
3. Ways to encourage less paper use – faculty and staff
   1. Message stating “consider the environment before printing this email”
   2. Sign affixed to each printer with a sustainability reminder
   3. 2-sided default for all printers
   4. Pop-up message before any print job that states the number of expected pages and its equivalent in trees consumed. User must press “print anyway” in order for the job to execute.
   5. Indication of the number of trees used individually or as a university
   6. Email from student government to faculty members at the start of each semester

Due to limited time, we invited Sean back for further discussion.

PRIORITY ACTION PLAN: The priority action plan was further refined. Another version will be circulated, as well as a draft letter to the President introducing this document and the Committee’s intent.

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