Sustainability Charter Committee

Monday, October 24, 2016

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

**Suite 1650, University Capitol Centre**

(Office of Sustainability)

AGENDA

1. Call to order –Dawn Kluber and Ty Priest, Co-chairs
2. Recap meeting with President Harreld, discuss action plan development - All
3. Next meeting and adjournment

Next meeting: November 28, 2016

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 Meeting Minutes

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MEMBERS/LIAISONS PRESENT: Todd Bagby, Margaret Beck, Barbara Eckstein, Sarah J. Gardner, Don Guckert, Rich Hichwa, Dawn Kluber, Tyler Priest, Heather Sander, Tony Senio, Brian Thompson, Liz Christiansen

OTHERS PRESENT: Shawn Albaugh Kleppe, Jacob Simpson, Akanksha Tiwari, Ian Faith

MICHAEL BERKSHIRE: Michael Berkshire, Green Projects administrator for the City of Chicago, was introduced and given an opportunity to share information on his role creating a new sustainable development policies and incentives to encourage sustainable urban and building design among the private sector of Chicago.

RECAP OF PRESIDENT HARRELD’S VISIT: Subsequent to President Harreld’s visit, an action plan is being developed that will be distributed to committee members for more review and discussion at the next meeting. Suggestions of this action plan included strategies and timelines, clear milestones and metrics, cost and budgetary constraints and also consideration of the audience.

LEED UPDATE: After 20 buildings enrolled in the LEED program, the UI is re-evaluating the cost/benefit of continuing to seek LEED certification of future sustainable building designs. Discussion included current design standards and campus master planning principles that drive sustainable building designs, the challenges with institutional reputation, credibility and messaging as it relates to public perception, and understanding of UI’s commitment to sustainability.

STARS UPDATE: The AASHE STARS report has adjusted the point system, as well as having a more rigorous criteria for review of academics associated with sustainability. Fact gathering is intended to wrap-up in November/December and then the report will be reviewed for accuracy.

BIKE SHARE UPDATE: An RFP for the joint UI/Iowa City bike share program was issued. The proposals are now being reviewed and the selection of a successful vendor will happen soon.

2018 THEME SEMESTER: The University of Iowa‘s Spring 2018 Theme Semester has been identified as ***Sustainability***. The steering committees will be developed and Margaret Beck has offered to represent the Sustainability Charter Committee.

REQUEST LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM UI STUDENT GARDEN: A letter of support from the committee for the UI Student Garden has been requested. The initial and subsequent funding deliberations for this project were discussed, as well as the delay in action due to the Hancher Bridge renovation and utilities projects. The UI Student gardeners are seeking annual funding for ongoing management of the proposed student garden.

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