

CHARTER COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT TO THE SHARED GOVERNANCE COUNCIL

Committee: _Sustainability_____

Report Year: __2017_____

Committee Chair(s)	Tyler Priest (Faculty) Dawn Kluber (Staff)
Committee Members	Bagby, Todd Beck, Margaret Bittorf, Amanda Eckstein, Barbara Gardner, Sarah Guckert, Donald (Facilities liaison) Hichwa, Richard (VP Research liaison) Maples, Sara (interim Director of Sustainability) Mclaughlin, Samantha Ricketts, David (P&T liaison) Sander, Heather Seagren, Scott D (Housing & Dining liaison) Senio, Atonio Thompson, Brian Thompson, Jennifer (UIHC liaison) Tiemens, Debora (Provost liaison) Yu, Deborah
Committee Charge	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Committee shall be governed by the terms of the General Charter. 2. In addition, the Committee shall: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Recommend and advise on matters pertaining to sustainability practices and formulation of University policies; b. Advise on the integration of sustainability with existing campus programs in education, research, operations, and community outreach; c. Assist in engaging the campus in an ongoing dialogue about sustainability and instilling a culture of sustainable long-range planning and forward-thinking design through their respective constituencies; d. Advise on the development and implementation of campus sustainability action plans.
Current Year Meeting Dates	2016: Sept. 12, Oct. 24, Nov. 28, Dec 19 2017: Jan 17, Feb 21, Mar 21, Apr 20, May 16 Planned: Jun 20
Please indicate the typical frequency of meetings (e.g., first Tuesday of month at 4 pm). If there are subcommittees, please indicate the frequency of those meetings, too.	The Committee meets monthly from 9-10:30 a.m. on the 3 rd Tuesday of each month. Meetings typically occur in the Office of Sustainability. Informal subcommittees meet as-needed, about 6 times/year.

Current Year Activities

1. Supported the University's sustainability initiatives
 - Climate Narrative Project
 - Recycling and Waste Reduction
 - Sustainable food practices
 - LEED Building
 - Energy
 - Transportation
 - Biomass Fuel Project
 - EcoHawks, a network of students, faculty and staff who are interested in furthering sustainability on campus and beyond.
2. President Harreld attended the September 12, 2016 committee meeting and challenged the committee to provide actionable recommendations that he could carry out to advance UI's sustainability goals. (Letter and Priority Action Summary attached)
3. Per President Harreld's request, the committee developed a set of Priorities for Action that are tied to the UI mission and vision. These priorities resulted in specific actions for President Harreld that were delivered to him in June, 2017. (attached)
4. Met with representatives of UI 5-Year Strategic Planning committee to ensure that sustainability issues remain an ongoing focus.
5. Co-Chairs Priest and Kluber met with Provost Butler on Nov. 4, 2016 to discuss transition of the Office of Sustainability upon retirement of Director Christiansen.
6. To maintain STARS compliance, we continued and completed a painstaking and iterative process of identifying courses with sustainability content. Led by co-chair Tyler Priest, the committee solicited updates and changes from each academic department: CLAS, Engineering, Business, Education, and Professional Colleges (excluding UIHC and CCOM). This endeavor is the main way that we track the academic side of STARS and AASHE. Our current Gold status lapsed in May; we anticipate achieving Gold status when the interim/new Director of Sustainability resubmits. (letter attached)
7. Supported UI Student Gardeners successful application for collaboratively funded organization under UI Student Government (letter of support attached)
8. Presentations to the committee included:
 - Sustainability practices at UI Landscape Services
 - UI Student Government report on paper use and conservation
 - Recycling and composting at UI
 - UI Student Garden/outdoor classroom
 - BikeShare
 - Michael Berkshire, Green Projects Administrator, City of Chicago
 - Shelby Cain, UI Student Government sustainability initiatives
 - Don Guckert and Sadie Greiner, LEED and UI design standards
 - Professor Lucy Laurian – results of undergraduate student survey on Sustainability Education at UI

<p>Topics your committee anticipates addressing during the coming year</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Funding for sustainability efforts 2. Charter committee leadership for 2017-18 3. Continued engagement with UI student government on sustainability-related issues 4. Proposal to move away from LEED certification for new building projects 5. Activities, priorities, and funding for Spring 2018 Theme Semester 6. Supporting and extending the University's 2020 Vision for Sustainability: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achieve net-negative energy growth • Green our energy portfolio • Decrease our production of waste • Reduce the carbon impact of transportation • Increase student opportunities to learn and practice principles of sustainability • Support and grow interdisciplinary research in sustainability-focused and related areas • Develop partnerships to advance collaborative initiatives, both academic and operations
<p>Other issues of concern</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Narrative Project is no longer being supported by its original grant funding and there are no institutional resources identified from which to reallocate money away from other academic areas in order to support its continuation. • Organizational home for the Office of Sustainability • Recruiting leaders and members for the Charter Committee. Current leadership terms are expiring • Need for a Sustainability Coordinator in the Office of Sustainability • The role of Sustainability in student recruitment and general public communications • Bikeshare implementation proposal is awaiting results of UI and City of Iowa City discussions on administrative home for program • Developing and publicizing LEED alternative design standards if we move away from LEED certification for UI building/reno projects • Status of proposal to facilities for funding Student Garden implementation • Improving coordination with UIHC and UI Athletics on sustainability initiatives • Encouraging (and possibly funding) sustainability coordinators at each Greek house
<p>What should we tell applicants for this committee regarding expectations of members (anticipated workload, existence of subcommittees, etc.)?</p>	<p>The committee meets for 90 minutes each month, and some individual or subcommittee work can be expected between meetings. In general, a time commitment of 3 hours/month is typical.</p>

<p>The Faculty Senate Office collects agendas and minutes from the charter committees to send to the university archives. Please let us know the best way to get that information from you</p>	<p>https://sustainability.uiowa.edu/our-vision/sustainability-charter-committee/meeting-minutesagenda/</p>
<p><i>Recommendations, if any, to the shared governance groups.</i></p>	