

# CHARTER COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT TO THE SHARED GOVERNANCE COUNCIL

**Committee: Sustainability**

**Report Year: 2018-19**

<b>Committee Chair(s)</b>	<b>Blake Rupe, Staff and Barbara Eckstein, Faculty</b>
<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>Patrick Johanns, Heather Sander, Patrick Johanns, Richard Priest, Eden Dewald, Emily Manders, Julia Krist, Anthony Senio, Brian Thompson, Matthieu Biger, Ioannis Koutsonikolis, Shaun Vecera,</b>  <b>Administrative Liaisons: Stratis Giannakouros, Don Guckert, Sara Maples</b>
<b>Committee Charge</b>	<p>Charge to the Committee.</p> <p>The Committee shall be governed by the terms of the General Charter.</p> <p>In addition, the Committee shall:</p> <p>Recommend and advise on matters pertaining to sustainability practices and formulation of University policies;</p> <p>Advise on the integration of sustainability with existing campus programs in education, research, operations, and community outreach;</p> <p>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;</p> <p>Advise on the development and implementation of campus sustainability action plans.</p>
<b>Current Year Meeting Dates</b>	<b>Met monthly August 2018-May 2019</b>

<b>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.</b>	<b>The charter committee met monthly. This year it formed a subcommittee: Energy Conservation Management. The liaison is Shaun Vecera. It monitors and advises on energy management data, meets as needed and reports to the charter committee through its liaison.</b>
<b>Current Year Activities</b>	<b>Assessed the 2020 goals with an eye to present and future campus needs. Determined the waste goals are mis-defined given current realities and best practices in recycling. Proposed to recalibrate these goals in 2019-2020. Determined energy conservation management that had been so successful was less so. Had several meetings with energy leaders on campus. Determined that the charter committee needed a subcommittee of faculty experts to help us advise administration on energy management. Through UISG continued advocating sustainability as part of campus orientation and Success at Iowa. Through faculty, continued advocacy for sustainability education and research. In response to the 2020 goal on sustainability research and the demands of the STARS reporting, connected with the Research Office about tagging faculty research in sustainability as it comes through that office for purposes of grant acquisition and reporting. Began and continue to participate actively in the conversation about any P3 agreement that is so intimately connected to multiple areas of our charge. Met with Terry Johnson. Brainstormed goals to add to the 2020 set with an eye toward additional foci for the 2019-2020 academic year. Saw with pleasure the increased numbers of student interns in the OSE, the hiring of a program manager, and the extensive activities of the director of OSE.</b>
<b>Topics your committee anticipates addressing during the coming year</b>	<b>Redefine the goals in waste management and recycling to better suit current realities and metrics. Continue to make use of the energy management subcommittee to mindfully track energy conservation management on campus; continue to engage actively with any P3 conversations and decisions; monitor the placement and development of the student garden on the main campus; promote the development of prairie restoration on university property where applicable</b>
<b>Other issues of concern</b>	<b>Continue to identify areas on campus where sustainable landscaping can be employed and where research can be incorporated; discourage the use of spraying of any chemicals around all medical facilities</b>

<p><b>What should we tell applicants for this committee regarding expectations of members (anticipated workload, existence of subcommittees, etc.)?</b></p>	<p><b>Whether staff member, student, or faculty member, there is as much work in sustainability available as any member is willing to take on. A wide array of expertise is useful. This is not a committee that hears reports about what administration or others are doing. It is a committee that encourages each of its members to identify opportunities in their work areas (physical and academic opportunities) to develop more sustainable campus environments and more sustainable practices. Committee members, with the OSE, actively support the best ideas and actions of its members.</b></p>
<p><b>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 (e.g., direct us to a website, put us on the committee's distribution list, etc.).</b></p>	<p><b>Blake Rupe, the new OSE manager, is collecting the minutes and for the website of OSE.</b></p>
<p><i>Recommendations, if any, to the shared governance groups.</i></p>	