

# CHARTER COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT TO THE SHARED GOVERNANCE COUNCIL

Committee: \_\_\_\_\_Sustainability\_\_\_\_\_

Report Year: \_\_\_\_\_2021-2022\_\_\_\_\_

<b>Committee Chair(s)</b>	Matthieu Biger (staff), Erin Irish (faculty)
<b>Committee Members</b>	<p>Amber Crow, Michelle Fravel, Joseph Haggerty (until December), Melissa Meisterheim, Isabella Mullins, Laura Ponto (until March), Sam Schauer, Emily Schmitz, Mary Trachsel, Jenna Wischmeyer</p> <p><b>Administrative Liaisons:</b> Ben Fish (FM), Stratis Giannakouros (Office of Sust. &amp; Environment [OSE])</p> <p><b>Also attending, as available:</b>  <b>Ex-officio:</b> Tony Senio (Athletics), Glenn Rogers (UIHC)  <b>Liaison/admin staff:</b> Blake Rupe (OSE), Beth Mackenzie (OSE)  <b>Regular guest:</b> Charles Stanier (Mandated by CoE Dean)</p>
<b><u>Committee Charge</u></b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Recommend and advise on matters pertaining to sustainability practices and formulation of University policies;</li> <li>2. Advise on the integration of sustainability with existing campus programs in education, research, operations, and community outreach;</li> <li>3. 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;</li> <li>4. Advise on the development and implementation of campus sustainability action plans.</li> </ol>
<b>Current Year Meeting Dates</b>	Monthly (September to August)
<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><i>With a large membership, including ex officio and liaisons, we strove to find meeting times when most of us could attend and vary times so that no one was consistently excluded.</i></b>
<b>Current Year Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Further addressed pesticide use on campus as well as expansion of biodiverse lawn alternatives along Iowa River and throughout campus; → SCC sought Presidential support, helping <a href="#">UI become a Bee Campus this year</a>, which will be very valuable.</li> <li>- Helped OSE continue development of <a href="#">Ashton Prairie as a living laboratory</a>;</li> <li>- Worked with OSE and UI Office of Strategic Communications (OSC) on a plan to keep campus and community-at-large updated on progress towards 2030 goals.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chairs visited with Pres. Wilson; SCC hosted guests from across campus (e.g., CoE Dean; Design Management &amp; Campus Project Planning; FM Environmental Compliance; Governmental Relations; Public Health)</li> <li>- Successfully advocated for Sustainability to be embedded in next Strategic Plans; both collegiate and UI, with some caveats – namely, lack of metrics at time of draft publication.</li> </ul>
<b>Topics your committee anticipates addressing during the coming year</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Work towards <a href="#">2030 Sustainability Goals</a> will lead to topics from energy-use/emissions to waste (from purchasing to disposal) and , from education to water quality, as well as aforementioned Strategic Planning and action, inc. in auxiliary units.</li> <li>- Investigating ways for bids then contracts across University business to reflect aforementioned 2030 goals; including in the case of renewals/extensions.</li> <li>- We expect to continue inviting UI leaders from academic and auxiliary units for reciprocal updates on things sustainable at Iowa.</li> </ul>
<b>Other issues of concern</b>	We would like to see ever-improved internal/campus and external/community communication of things sustainable; both on SCC, OSE, and on UI Strategic Communications (OSC) channels.
<b>What should we tell applicants for this committee regarding expectations of members (anticipated workload, existence of subcommittees, etc.)?</b>	Most members attend the monthly meetings (1.5 hours) only. Some “reading” on issues at hand may be expected between meetings; as well as subcommittee work, when relevant.
<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>	Agendas and minutes are housed at <a href="https://sustainabilitycommittee.uiowa.edu/meeting-agendas-and-minutes">sustainabilitycommittee.uiowa.edu/meeting-agendas-and-minutes</a> .
<b>Recommendations, if any, to the shared governance groups.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- With SCC identified as “hub” of 2030 Sustainability Goals, recognizing this in an official manner could be instrumental in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Ensuring perennial leadership on this campus-wide effort</li> <li>o Giving SCC a mandate to reach out across campus to both: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Garner academic/auxiliary unit commitments;</li> <li>▪ Seek timely intermediary and final reports/statistics; and</li> <li>▪ Leverage University OSC expertise in communicating achievements.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>- Joint Charter Committee meetings (e.g., annually) may bring to the fore interconnected matters such as matters of Socio-environmental Justice.</li> <li>- Onboarding of new co-chairs may serve committees well in determining procedures, campus contacts/channels, documentation etc.</li> </ul>