Sustainability Charter Committee

Wednesday, January 15 2020 - 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

**337 IMU - MGC Room**

Minutes

Present: Matthieu Biger, Michelle Fravel, Erin Irish, Laura Ponto

Absent: Isabella Blackman, Emily Manders, Sam Schaurer

Liaisons: Stratis Giannakouros (OSE), Don Guckert (FM), Tony Senio (Athletics)

Ex Officio: Glen Rogers (UIHC)

Staff: Elizabeth Mackenzie

Guests: None

1. Seeking someone to take minutes
   1. Michelle Fravel offered to take minutes for meetings that she can attend during the spring semester
2. Report on work done so far this year
   1. Climate resolution
      1. Signed by President Harreld
      2. The next step will be to partner with strategic communications to share the news with alumni and other supporters and possibly time these stories/announcements with publication of 2030 goals
   2. 2020 goals
      1. The deadline for reports on four out of seven goals 2020 goals was 1/14/20
      2. Don Guckert and Elizabeth Mackenzie provided a summary:
         1. Goal #1: Energy Utilization
            1. Despite 20% campus growth on campus, no growth in overall energy expenditure
         2. Goal #2: Renewable Energy
            1. By April, expect to be able to report that 40% of energy is from renewable resources
         3. Goal #3: Recycling
            1. Goal was a 60% decrease in landfill waste and 40% was achieved
            2. Per capita waste decrease is notable (72 lb decrease per person noted)

A discussion was had regarding per capita calculation and whether or not these metrics could/should take into consideration visitors (ex. daily hospital visitors and football gameday visitors). These estimations can be done with certain assumptions, but it is unclear if this would help with overarching goals/actions.

* + - * 1. Waste audits have been performed which show that the maximal achievable waste diversion is 61% (largely based on waste at the hospital that cannot be diverted); therefore, we are not far off from our maximum achievable goal.
      1. Goal #4: Parking and Transportation
         1. Report Pending
      2. Goals 5-7: Education Focused
         1. Reports pending; Blake Rupe is currently working on
    1. **Committee assignment**: all committee members are to review the three completed 2020 goals reports and provide comments and questions to Matthieu and Erin by January 22, 2020.
  1. Other subcommittees
     1. 2030 Goals Subcommittee
        1. A draft of the 2030 goals has been submitted. Stratis provided a summary of the framework of the 7 goals. It was suggested that the next step, after broad goals are published, is to create a list of needed resources. It was suggested that the sustainability committee may be used to advocate for necessary support. It was also suggested that individual units may more effectively request and receive necessary resources as opposed to the office itself making the ask for resources.
        2. Timeline: 2030 goals will be sent to the office of strategic communication in February; in March they will be sent to UI leadership; they will be published in April on Earth Day
        3. **Committee Assignment**: review the 2030 goals and provide feedback to Stratis over the next two weeks, by January 29, 2020.

1. Discussion on committee support of Office of Sustainability and the Environment
   1. See above
2. Planning for remainder of term, including invitation to President Harreld for a spring meeting
   1. Other invitations suggested:
      1. Teri Schnelle (on UI Committee on Committees)
      2. Montserrat Fuentes (UI Provost)
      3. Suresh Gunasekaran (UIHC CEO)
      4. Athletics (Tony Senio will think about potential guests to invite)
3. New initiatives
   1. Athletics Day of Caring will be discussed at the February meeting (Tony Senio)
   2. Planning for the Teach-In scheduled for Earth Day is ongoing, ideas/suggestions can be provided to Erin Irish
   3. Two national speakers are scheduled at UI for April:
      1. Autumn Peltier
      2. Stephanie Arne
4. Miscellaneous
   1. Don Guckert officially retires August 1, 2020; discussions are being held regarding whether or not his position should be considered a liaison vs. ex officio to the committee
5. Next meeting: Wednesday, February 12 @ 11:00 am to 12:30 pm; location TBD
   1. Meetings will occur the second Wednesday of each month at 11:00 – 12:30 am
   2. Outlook invites will follow
6. Adjournment