Sustainability Charter Committee Minutes

Wednesday, March 11, 2020 @ 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM in Rm 337 IMU

Present: Matthieu Biger, Michelle Fravel, Erin Irish, Laura Ponto, Isabella Blackman, Samuel Schauer, Emily Manders

Absent:

Ex Officio: Rich Hichwa, Tony Senio

Liaisons: Stratis Giannakouros (OSE), Don Guckert (FM)

Guests: April Wells (Parking &Transportation), Rod Lehnertz

1. Teach-In Update (Erin Irish)
   1. Goal: address climate change literacy; will be delayed until fall if needed due to COVID-19
   2. 9:30 to 5pm lectures: undergraduate students, graduate students, faculty and staff will present
   3. Two performances scheduled for 4:30 and 7:30 – held at Stark Opera Studio
   4. Autumn Peltier will not speak
2. General Education Requirement Updates
   1. Four categories of gen eds currently exist, the goal of the committee is to have sustainability recognized as a required category
   2. Could double count courses that already have sustainability built in – lacking criteria to define what it would mean to be considered a course that includes sustainability
      1. This concept accepted currently – Stratis will be meeting with decision makers about this in the near future
      2. Timeline for implementation of this requirement is currently uncertain
   3. Another possibility – could take a majors course to satisfy the sustainability requirement without taking gen eds on sustainability
3. 2020/2030 Goals
   1. 2020
      1. Wrapping up the summaries, will go to president’s office and they will decide how it should be presented
      2. Online release vs. delay based on the office’s current capacity
      3. Need confirmation about what is expected for publications
   2. 2030
      1. News release/roll out will be quiet now due to COVID
      2. Planning toward full fall roll-out
   3. Overall plan: wrap-up 2020, reflect and close on 2020, soft roll-out of 2030
4. Rod Lehnertz
   1. P3 Update
      1. March 11, 2020 was the official start day of the contract
      2. Decisions related to use of revenue from the project will be made by the Path Forward steering committee and work groups
   2. Strategic Plan
      1. The committee suggests that sustainability be considered as part of the university strategic plan
      2. Rod reported that Provost Montse Fuentes will be made aware of this and the President Harreld is on board with this
      3. It was suggested that a strategy for success in brining sustainability to strategic plans may to be engage the Deans
5. Visits at the next meeting
   1. President Harreld April 8 – report 2020 goals
   2. Chief Operating Officer from UIHC (Sabi Singh) and Provost Montse Fuentes – May 13
   3. Summer meeting schedule TBD