

## Sustainability Charter Committee Minutes

March 7, 2022 @ 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Zoom

**Attendees:** Matthieu Biger, Erin Irish, Michelle Fravel, Melissa Meisterheim, Isabelle Mullins, Laura Ponto

**Absent:** Amber Crow, Sam Schauer, Emily Schmitz, Mary Trachsel, Jenna Wischmeyer

**Liaisons:** Ben Fish, Stratis Giannakouros,

**Ex Officio:** Glen Rogers, Scott Seagren, Tony Senio, Charles Stanier

**Staff:** Beth MacKenzie, Blake Rupe

**Guest:** Christian Bako (GPSG)

### 1. Call to Order

### 2. Announcements – Open to all present

- Charlie Stanier
  - Earth Day | [“Hawkeye Decarbonization Summit 2022”](#) Updates
- OSE
  - 1) [OSE-compiled EM activities](#) (Appendix 1 for events listed at meeting time)
  - 2) [2022 One Sustainable Iowa Student Conference](#)  
More in Feb mtg minutes and those sites
- Ben Fish
  - It seems promising that the 2030 goals are being incorporated into the [campus strategic plan](#) [Addressing agenda item 6.]
  - Identifying a structure to form subcommittees with a structure for reporting to the overall Sustainability Committee can be considered
    - An annual report on progress toward metrics from different units
    - Alternatively, a discussion with units as opposed to a presentation of progress
    - Suggestion: three out of four meetings are a discussion and once per year there is a report of progress
  - What to do now:
    - Proposal: committee email the individuals involved in subcommittee work in the past to say we would like to provide an update on the 2030 goals (from Stratis), looking to form subcommittees

### 3. Impromptu new business for this agenda – Open to all present

### 4. Liaison updates

### 5. Revisiting ongoing topics... with an eye to future endeavors (Virtual Whiteboard – will remain open)

#### a) “Mid-year Check-in:” You, Sustainability, and the SCC

- One idea related to what additional functions the SCC can have: Highlight Student Projects

- Can the committee create a framework to highlight sustainability-focused student projects and perhaps help to sustain the projects as applicable?
- A recommendation that Jerald Schnoor be invited to discuss his interpretation of the impact of these projects on a community level
- Identify high quality student-led projects for the University to use for advertising
- Could consider a reporting expectation from courses that are counting toward the sustainability GE
- Resources
  - [sustainability.uiowa.edu/students/student-projects](https://sustainability.uiowa.edu/students/student-projects)
  - [sustainability.uiowa.edu/students/potential-student-project-templates](https://sustainability.uiowa.edu/students/potential-student-project-templates)
  - [now.uiowa.edu/2021/12/sustainability-conservation-efforts-display-3mt-competition](https://now.uiowa.edu/2021/12/sustainability-conservation-efforts-display-3mt-competition)

b) Discussion towards action items re: charge to the Committee

i. Recommend and advise on matters pertaining to sustainability practices and formulation of university policies

- The committee can play a key role in supporting plans proposed by experts (e.g. OSE, Ben Fish, etc.)
- Standing meetings could occur: meeting a certain times per year with the president or their representative; meeting a certain times per year with campus planning committee (either full joint meeting or just leaders meetings); others as well:
  - Committee role: what was presented, what do we think, what should we do?
  - This would help the committee *and* help by ensuring the separate units asked to speak have developed a sustainability focused vision
  - To do: committee cochairs will work to develop a list of units/individuals who would be on this list for annual reporting

ii. Advise on the integration of sustainability with existing campus programs in education, research, operations, and community outreach;

iii. 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;

- Design policies
  - The committee could play a role in discussing/approving design policies to ensure that carbon is considered through the entire process of new facility creation
  - Example: hot water is being included in new construction. This committee has a role in endorsing this to send a message to the university community.
  - Inviting those in charge of campus planning to provide updates is encouraged (Mike Kerns will attend in May)

iv. Advise on the development and implementation of campus sustainability action plans.

c) UI Investment and Purchasing practices/requirements [*To be discussed ex parte & at later date*]

i. Sustainability in bids (e.g., “Zero Waste”, “Green Purchasing”, Scope 3 emissions)

ii. Following up on TIAA commitment to increased transparency

iii. Other (before more formal 2030 Goals discussion and subcommittees)

6. Discussion ahead of 2030 Goals:

a) Where UI admin stands

b) How goal-tracking subcommittee will be established, then operate/report

7. Summer meeting scheduling

8. Next meetings:

- Thu, Apr 14 10:30 AM – noon (*Guests:* Jenna Wischmeyer – SCC member and FM Environmental Compliance Director; Dean Nembhard – CoE)

- Mon, May 16 10:30 AM – noon (*Guests:* Michael Kearns – Interim Associate Director- Design Management | Assistant Director – Quality Management; Adele Vanarsdale – Director, Campus Project Planning)

- Summer meetings TBD

9. Adjournment

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<sup>i</sup> e.g., UIHC, Design & Construction, Campus Planning, Parking & transportation, Athletics, FM, Engie


## Earth Month Activities 2022

Signup form for student submissions to our calendar: [https://uiowa.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9tQ85QUEKShKRL0](https://uiowa.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9tQ85QUEKShKRL0)

Event Dates	Event Name	Contacts	Info and Notes	Needs
April 1	Green Iowa Americorp Panel Discussion	greeniowai c@gmail.c om	Blake and Jane Wilch (IC) will sit on a virtual panel to discuss plastic waste/garbage in our waterways. Will also promote litter cleanups planned for Earth Month (maybe create a month-long campaign to clean up anytime, anywhere)	
April 1 and April 8	Frontier Co-op Case Competition	Sara Maples <a href="mailto:sara-maples@uiowa.edu">sara-maples@uiowa.edu</a>	Social Impact Case Competition: <a href="https://tippie.uiowa.edu/about-tippie/overview/sustainability-tippie/frontier-co-op-case-competition">https://tippie.uiowa.edu/about-tippie/overview/sustainability-tippie/frontier-co-op-case-competition</a>	Adding your event to our OSE website, newsletter, or social media posts  Getting your event displayed on Digital Display slides across campus
April 2	26 <sup>th</sup> Annual Powwow	Dominique Badajoz: <a href="mailto:dominique-badajoz@uiowa.edu">dominique-badajoz@uiowa.edu</a>	We will be hosting the University of Iowa's 26th Annual Powwow! It is an all day event with doors opening at 11 pm and two grand entrys 1 PM and 7 PM. This event is hosted by the Native American Student Association. <a href="https://powwow.uiowa.edu/">https://powwow.uiowa.edu/</a>	Adding your event to the UI Events calendar (events.uiowa.edu)  Adding your event to our OSE website, newsletter, or social media posts  Getting your event displayed on Digital Display slides across campus
April 2 9am-noon	2022 Local Foods Roundtable: Transforming food system through storytelling	localfoods <localfood s@johnson countyiow a.gov>	<b>2022 Local Foods Roundtable: <i>Transforming the Food System Through Storytelling</i></b> <b>Saturday, April 2, 2022, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM</b> <b>Robert A. Lee Recreation Center Social Hall (220 S Gilbert St., Iowa City)</b> <b>Masks required and provided. We encourage social distancing when eating local snacks.</b> The event will begin with introductions. Everyone will be invited to introduce themselves or their organization/business (30-60 second introduction) with an optional single PowerPoint or Google Slide.	

			<p><a href="#">Here is a link to an example and template on Google Slides.</a> <b>Please send your slide to <a href="mailto:localfoods@johnsoncountyiowa.gov">localfoods@johnsoncountyiowa.gov</a> before March 29.</b></p> <p>After introductions, we will gather in small groups to share stories and reflect on common and transformative narratives that we hear and tell about the food system. We will conclude with time to chat and enjoy <b>free, local snacks</b>. See full agenda below.</p>	
April 6, 4pm, IMU Main Lounge	Surf, Sink or Swim: Understanding Environmentally Important Processes at Water Surfaces	Dept. Of Chemistry	Dept. Of Chemistry's Inaugural True Lecture Series presents Dr. Geraldine Richmond. Dr Richmond is the Undersecretary for Science at the Department of Energy, and much of her work focuses on sustainable water practices.	
April 9	One Sustainable Iowa Student Conference	Sustainability@uiowa.edu	<p>Please mark your calendars for the <b>2022 One Sustainable Iowa Student Conference, planned for Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at the University of Iowa campus.</b> After shifting to an online symposium format in 2021, we are planning to return to an in-person event this year! With that said, we are monitoring the situation closely and will make a final decision about proceeding with an in-person event as we get closer to April:</p> <p><a href="https://www.onesustainableiowa.com/2022-conference">https://www.onesustainableiowa.com/2022-conference</a></p>	
April 14 5-6pm	Plant Potting Event	Daniel-fu@uiowa.edu	Attendees will get a primer/seminar section and a questioning section following the seminar, where participants can also pot plants. Then people will pot plants!	

April 16 at 2pm at the Student Garden	Upcycle Glassware with the UI Gardeners	Katarina O'Kulich <a href="mailto:keokulich@uiowa.edu">keokulich@uiowa.edu</a>	Join the UI Gardeners at the Student Garden on 4/16 at 2pm to upcycle glassware! Bring any used, clean mason jars, kombucha bottles, salsa jars, or other glassware to upcycle into new home décor! We will have painting supplies, macrame, burlap, twine, and other items to refurbish your old glassware. Feel free to bring any additional supplies if you have them. Please do not purchase any new or unused mason jars for this event.	Adding your event to our OSE website ONLY  Getting your event displayed on Digital Display slides across campus
April 20	Human Rights and Climate Change Webinar	<a href="https://uic.hr.uiowa.edu/programs/human-rights-climate-change">https://uic.hr.uiowa.edu/programs/human-rights-climate-change</a>	Topic: The Global South & Unequal Burdens	
April 22 from 12-1pm	Tree Tours: Nature Walks and Talks	<a href="https://pentacrestmuseums.uiowa.edu/tree-tours">https://pentacrestmuseums.uiowa.edu/tree-tours</a>	We're delighted the first in this program series will debut on Earth Day! Join the Pentacrest Museums for guided strolls on campus featuring the ecological diversity, symbolism, history, and lore of our trees. We'll use the lunch hour once a month on these nature walk & talks for discovery, restoration, mindfulness & movement in this program—designed for you—with resilience and curiosity in mind.	None
April 22 2-3 pm	Recycled Runway: Earth Day Fashion Show	kali-keil@uiowa.edu	Recycled Runway is a fashion show where the designers use plastic bags to make their pieces. After the show, the plastic bags will be properly	Adding your event to the UI Events calendar (events.uiowa.edu) Adding your event to our OSE website, newsletter, or social media posts Getting your event displayed on Digital Display slides across campus

			 <p><b>RECYCLED RUNWAY</b> A Sustainable Fashion Event</p> <p>When: Friday, April 22nd Where: IMU River Amphitheater Time: 2-3 pm</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Come enjoy the fashion show and learn about sustainability! Bring plastic bags to donate.</p> <p>PRESENTED BY THE EVENT MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP CLASS</p>	
April 21-22	Hawkeye Decarbonization Summit	charles-stanier@uiowa.edu	<p>Hawkeye Decarbonization Summit will be held on Apr 21 and Apr 22, 2022. This will be hybrid, with in-person attendance and networking opportunities, and a full remote option. Conference website will be up soon. Confirmed keynote speaker: Saul Griffith. <a href="https://ppc.uiowa.edu/events/2022/04/21/hawkeye-decarbonization-summit-2022#schedule">https://ppc.uiowa.edu/events/2022/04/21/hawkeye-decarbonization-summit-2022#schedule</a></p>	<p>Adding your event to our OSE website, newsletter, or social media posts</p> <p>Getting your event displayed on Digital Display slides across campus</p>
April 29 at 5pm	Welcome and plant the Anne Frank Tree	Jennifer New <a href="mailto:jennifer-new@uiowa.edu">jennifer-new@uiowa.edu</a>	<p>We are hosting a celebratory event for welcome and plant the Anne Frank Tree. The event occurs on Arbor Day. In addition to bringing another tree to the UI Pentacrest, it also directly links our campus to Anne Frank. The chestnut is a sapling that was propagated from the tree Anne could see out of the only window in the annex where she lived for two years during WW2. It is a living memorial and a</p>	

			testament to her spirit. <a href="https://uiowa.ca1.qualtrics.com/ControlPanel/File.php?F=F_UXZAWdptWZR4GSB">https://uiowa.ca1.qualtrics.com/ControlPanel/File.php?F=F_UXZAWdptWZR4GSB</a>	
TBD	UIBIO Plant Sale	Vita Domnenko : <a href="mailto:vita-domnenko@uiowa.edu">vita-domnenko@uiowa.edu</a>	UIBIO is hosting a plant sale!! We will be selling plants as well as offering care instructions for how to take care for your new green friend. Likely we will be hosting this on T. Anne Cleary walkway during the week of Earth Day, although our final 3 days for selling are still being decided.	Adding your event to the UI Events calendar (events.uiowa.edu) Adding your event to our OSE website, newsletter, or social media posts Other: (please describe): -- we are open to any advertisement!
TBD	Engie Brown Bag Lunch	layne.toops@engie.com		
TBD	CAB Trash Clean Up	nicole-gilbert@uiowa.edu		
TBD	Travis Manion Foundation Event	lauren-haefs@uiowa.edu	I was hoping to do work with the School of the Wild involving a nature cleanup/outdoor project on a Friday afternoon in April. Right now, Air Force ROTC, The University of Iowa Veterans Association, The Environmental Coalition, members of the Iowa Raptor Project, the Environmental Science Club, Student United Way, and the UIowa Gardening Club are all interested in being part of the event. I also reached out to Tamra Elliott, Jay Gorsh, and Dave Conrads- and it looks like we are all good to go with their parts.	
TBD	Michael Webber Lecture	Stratis/Engie		
Ongoing	Latham Group Blog	laura-evans@uiowa.edu		



# You, Sustainability, and the SCC

## i. What drove you to seek a seat on SCC?



## ii. What endeavors, thoughts, avenues would you like SCC to explore?



## SCC Charge Brainstorming

### i. Recommend and advise on matters pertaining to sustainability practice and formulation of university policies

The actions of other committees, particularly campus planning, but really all charter committees - have impacts on sustainability. How can sustainability and 2030 goals be part of their charges?

### ii. Advise on the integration of sustainability with existing campus programs in education, research, operations, and community outreach;

getting more students involved, especially students not studying sustainability/environmental related majors on campus projects or events

### iii. Assist in engaging the campus in an ongoing dialogue about sustainability and instilling culture of sustainable long-range planning and forward-thinking design through their respective constituencies;

Dialogue w/ Campus Planning

### iv. Advise on the development and implementation of campus sustainability action plans.

