

**Sustainability Charter Committee Minutes**  
Monday, April 24, 2023 @ 1:30 – 2:30pm  
~~UCC 2390~~ 14D MLH + Zoom

AGENDA

**Attendees:** Matthieu Biger, Avery Epstein, Erin Irish, Anna Peach, Steve Troester

**Absent:** Jerry Anthony, Theresa Bechtel, Josie Welker, Jeralyn Westercamp, Erin Weyers

**Liaison:** n/a

**Ex Officio:** Tony Senio

**Staff:** n/a

**Guest:** Blake Rupe (HELI)

1. Call to Order

Hybrid meeting started at 1:46pm, due to logistical issues.

2. Announcements – Open to all present

Rupe shared news of upcoming [HELI](#) projects:

- [UI Wild](#) August '23 classes at intersection of law and conservation (Half on conservation treaties and half practical study at Macbride Nature Recreation Area. If successful, a January '24 pre-semester session may be added as well.
- Facilities Management (FM) aquifer monitoring for Johnson County approved by U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) with study started Fall '22 for two years. Planning on modeling aquifer use/availability from now until 2045, in part to incorporate into UI infrastructure/capital management. HELI is exploring what to do with data with water/climate adaptation planning in mind.
- HELI to work with [UI Digital Scholarship & Publishing Studio](#) on visualizing the story of prospective carbon pipeline(s) in Iowa ahead of Fall '23 [Iowa Utilities Board](#) (IUB) meeting

Rupe also called on SCC members to:

- Consider joining a 4/28 or 5/1 focus group to help plan the October 13-14 [Obermann Center](#) (with OSE et al.) *Design Workshop for Environmental Studies Cross-Disciplinary Collaboration—The Campus and Community as Environmental “Living Lab.”*
  - ➔ This would be a great avenue to support the River Living Laboratory discussed at prior meetings (supporting OSE/FM/Campus Planning watershed work etc.)

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

None

4. Liaison updates

None (See 2. for OSE and FM notes)

5. Implementing Sustainability in 2027 Strategic Plan & Beyond

Discussion took place regarding required efforts to advocate for:

- strong implementation of 2022-27 Strategic Plan

- engage UI President Wilson in both current Strategic Plan action and next Strategic Plan

- ➔ Will invite her to meet with SCC staff, faculty, and student representatives by Fall '23.

Other action item is for SCC to reach out to UI Colleges and Shared Governance re: their own a) strategic plans b) efforts to implement 2027 and/or 2030 sustainability goals (e.g., Sustainability Education).

6. Open Discussion (e.g., endeavors, guests, member areas of interest)

See 5. for some items. Otherwise tabled for future meeting(s).

7. Next meetings: TBD

In part in an effort to improve attendance, it was agreed that Fall '23 meeting scheduling should take place a) before AY 2023 b) with clear frequency/time (e.g., 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month)