Sustainability Charter Committee

February 14, 2014

- Meeting Minutes –

Members Present: Ben Anderson, Art Bettis, Sara Maples, Wilfrid Nixon, Tyler Priest, Ericka Raber, Christine Rutledge-Russell, Deb Tiemens, Brian Thompson, Kelsey Zlevor

Liaisons Present: Liz Christiansen, Dave Ricketts, Deb Tiemens

Others Present: Shawn Albaugh Kleppe, Frank Yoder

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM.

Academic Advising

Frank Yoder, from the Academic Advising Center, updated committee members of the specifics of receiving a Sustainability Certificate from the University of Iowa.

Some items discussed included the breadth of approaches of sustainability, the number of students participating and graduating each year and challenges of specific colleges to accommodate a Sustainability Certificate.

Subcommittee Assignments and Priorities for Action

A letter of support for the Biomass project at the University of Iowa is being drafted and will be sent to committee members for final review.

The subcommittee to concentrate on education and outreach to engage the campus community will be led by Brian Thompson and include members Ilsa DeWald, Christine Rutledge-Russell, Jeffrey Vredenburg, and Ericka Raber.

The subcommittee to concentrate on academic offerings of sustainability-related and focused classes will be led by Art Bettis and include members Kelsey Zlevor, Ben Anderson, Wilfred Nixon, Sara Maples and Sanjay Mittal.

Ty Priest will be working on the biomass project.

The next meeting of the entire committee will outline goals to achieve by the end of the semester. Also, contact with Ken Kates or John Staley from UIHC will be made requesting representation from the UIHC.

Next Meeting

February 28, 2014 will be individual meetings of the subcommittees.