Sustainability Charter Committee

Monday, September 12, 2016

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

**Suite 1650, University Capitol Centre**

(Office of Sustainability)

AGENDA

1. Call to order –Dawn Kluber and Ty Priest, Co-chairs
2. Welcome President Harreld, discussion of Priorities for Action for 2016-2017
3. Welcome New Committee Members – Amanda Bittorf and Tony Senio
4. Main Campus Student Garden/Outdoor Classroom Concept and Design
5. Adjourn

Next meeting: October 24, 2016

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 Meeting Minutes

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MEMBERS/LIAISONS PRESENT: Dawn Kluber, Tyler Priest, Heather Sander, Sarah Gardiner, Todd Bagby, Tony Senio, Brian Thompson, Margaret Beck, Barbara Eckstein, Amanda Bittorf

OTHERS PRESENT: UI President Bruce Harreld, Glen Mowery, Liz Christiansen, Emma Miller-Schindelar, David Lewis, Jacob Simpson, Akanksha Tiwari

WELCOME PRESIDENT HARRELD: President Harreld was welcomed and introduced to the committee members. The group presented the committee’s finalized priorities for action. President Harreld questioned the group about data supporting the priorities and asked for a plan of action, as a starting point. He agreed to meet again with the group to review the plan.

WELCOME NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS: New committee members Tony Senio, Amanda Bittorf, Sarah Gardiner and Todd Bagby were welcomed.

MAIN CAMPUS STUDENT GARDEN/OUTDOOR CLASSROOM: The plan and design concept was presented to the group. The new Main Campus student garden will located on the river side of North Hall. Phase I will include the production garden, a shade garden and a small outdoor classroom. Phase II will include a larger outdoor classroom. UI Facilities Management has identified annual management costs they will absorb. Jacob Simpson and Sophie Coker Gunnink, co-chairs of University of Iowa Gardeners, wrote the business plan for the new garden and have been working with campus planner, Joe Bilotta, and landscape manager, Scott Gritsch, on the design. Funding has been secured for Phase I of the garden. UI Student Government has also contributed $17,000 for the first two year’s management of the garden. The UI Gardeners are also seeking status as a Collaborative Funding Organization, which would allow the group a regular line of funding. The Gardeners feel this is critical to ensure long-term viability of the group and proper management of the garden.

OTHER: Liz will establish a One Drive file for meeting minutes and presentations. Tyler and Dawn will send a thank you letter to President Harreld. Next month’s meeting agenda will include a discussion/debrief of the discussion with the President and development of the plan, and updates on STARS and the bike share program.

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