Sustainability Charter Committee

Friday, February 19, 2016

2:00 PM

Room 302, University Services Building

**(PLEASE NOTE ROOM NUMBER)**

AGENDA

1. Call to order –Brian Thompson and Ty Priest, Co-chairs
2. Welcome Margaret Beck, new committee member
3. Recycling Optimization Project (ROP) results – Liz Christiansen
4. Library solar grant opportunity – Brian Thompson
5. Report on sustainability curriculum assessment – Barbara Eckstein and Ty Priest
6. Review of retreat notes - All
7. Next meeting and adjournment

Sustainability Charter Committee

January 15, 2016

- Meeting Minutes –

MEMBERS/LIAISONS PRESENT: Margaret Beck, Liz Christiansen, Barbara Eckstein, Sophia Finster, Don Guckert, Dawn Kluber, Jake Kundert, Sara Maples, Tyler Priest, Ben Ross, Heather Sander, Brian Thompson, Deborah Yu

OTHERS PRESENT: Shawn Albaugh Kleppe, Akash Bhalerao, Jeff Landgren

WELCOME NEW MEMBER:

A moment was taken to welcome Margaret Beck to the Sustainability Charter Committee.

RECYCLING OPTIMIZATION PROJECT (ROP)

An update on the Recycling Optimization Project was presented, reporting an FY15 diversion rate of 41% with 14 full ROPs completed to date.

Discussion included the process of this program; how to continue these efforts until the Sustainability Coordinator position is filled, the current state of the market for recycled materials, policy changes in procurement of recyclable items, and decreasing the product use/consumption element of our carbon footprint.

LIBRARY SOLAR GRANT OPPORRUNITY

A grant has been identified that could provide up to $150K for the installation of solar panels at the Main Library. Eric Foresman of Facilities Management has been mentioned as a good source for helping with the details that will be required for the grant.

REPORT ON SUSTAINABILITY CURRICULUM ASSESSMENT

A report/spreadsheet is being developed to identify classes offered over the past five years that have a focus or are related to sustainability. Using or developing a field ISIS to help identify relevant classes was discussed.

PREPARING FOR THE PRESIDENT’S NEXT VISIT

Don and Liz will prepare a draft message for President Harreld to use to reaffirm the goals for sustainability and also as a call to action.

Committee members were also solicited to share thoughts regarding major new initiatives that can be forwarded to President Harreld. A special charter committee meeting will be scheduled for March 11 to discuss initiatives. President Harreld will be invited to the March 25 meeting.

OTHER

The UISG is developing a Student Food Pantry.

NEXT MEETING

March 11, 2016 – 2:00 – 3:30 PM - 202 University Services Building