

CCSE General Co-Chairs Meeting Notes

Date: Tuesday, January 27, 2015

Time: 2:00-3:00pm

Location: University Hall (601 S. Morgan St) Room 850

Present: Anthony McClellan, Cynthia Klein-Banai, David Hofman, Geoge Crabtree, Joseph Iosbaker, Katherine Yoshida, Kevin Shalla, Ning Ai, Richard Anderson, Robert Dixon, Robert Roman, Lisa Sanzenbacher, Roberta J Mason-Gamer, Stephen Schlickman, Richard Price

Absent: Pablo Acevedo

Discussion

1. Overall directions of committee work

Crabtree and Dixon suggested all to examine what the committee had done in the past and determine the priorities for our goals and objectives. The committee should produce an agenda for the new Chancellor, Michael Amiridis, to provide directions on what the Chancellor and CCSE should be working together to improve campus sustainability moving forward. Crabtree suggested that committee goals and agenda should be built along the line of the past accomplishments of the new Chancellor.

2. Overall updates of subcommittee work

- a. Energy and Utilities: Roman highlighted some of the subcommittee achievements, which included successful launching of building energy dashboard, increased building metering, and most importantly, the wind turbine project initiated by an undergraduate student that is now underway. Hofman reiterated that the next step will be to set quantifiable goals that are focused and realistic for the subcommittee to attain.
- b. Transportation: Schlickman and Shalla discussed the need to continue to pursue a change in travel expense policy that would encourage the use of Amtrak. Ning Ai discussed about the finding from her green hospital study that showed parking spot was a concern among staffs, and later stated that there was a potential to increase car sharing due to the limited parking. Klein-Banai suggested that subcommittee should encourage grass root engagement around proposed changes in parking structure

- c. Tree Care and Grounds: Mason-Gamer notified subcommittee regarding the storm water problem, and stated that the UIC should have more water friendly landscape, and that the buildings should be built to facilitate storm water drainage. When comes to tree care, the people in grounds should be ensured to undergo proper training for landscape practices. The tree species within and around the campus should be equalized so that there is no over-representation of certain species. Mason-Gamer announced that the tree-walk syllabus she is helping design for undergraduate curriculum was is in process and would be able to reach out to about 1,000 student.
- d. Events and Activities: Sanzenbacher announced that she is seeking a co-chair for this subcommittee. If anyone has suggestions, please send them to her.

3. CUPPA Hall building improvement

Schlickman notified committee about the structural damages that are facing CUPPA Hall, and suggested that funding is needed to improve the current state of the building. CUPPA Hall building improvement proposal should be included in the agenda of the state capital bill. Schlickman informed that the building is also in need of a full evaluation in aspects of energy. Due to rising concerns of structural breakdown in old campus buildings, UIC should be encouraged to seek funding from state capital bill that has a vertical construction component for new buildings and also to upgrade old buildings.

4. Artificial Turf

Dixon notified committee about the environmental and health concerns of the artificial turf on the soccer field. He suggested that considerations should be made in choosing an alternative infill to the traditional rubber crumb infill. McClellan mentioned that no decisions had been made by UIC in using artificial turf yet, and later suggested that if members were to appeal for alternative infill in the turf, now would be a good time to act.

5. Zero Net Energy Building Standard

Anderson suggested setting a zero net energy building goal and emphasized that this is to be done by improving the building standards in UIC. Klein-Banai suggested that all subcommittees should collaborate and incorporate each subcommittee's expertise to achieve zero net energy building goal.

6. Group Tour: Deep Energy Retrofit dwellings of Marcus de la Fleur

The tour date is tentatively set on March 26th, starting at 3pm. Expected participants should be around 10-15 people. Ting informed that in her last doodle poll, 6 subcommittee co-chairs had confirmed to be able to attend the tour.

7. Action Items

- a. Ting will schedule the 2nd co-chairs meeting in March to: 1) continue updates of subcommittee work (Recycling & Waste Management, and Events and Activities); 2) review goals set forth by each subcommittee group.
- b. Ting will send out a new doodle poll to determine tour date in March.
- c. All subcommittee groups should discuss and set quantifiable goals with each group members prior to the 2nd co-chairs meeting.
- d. Ting will include 'landscape training' in the agenda for next CCSE Grounds and Tree Care meeting for further discussion.
- e. Schlickman will approach president to propose funding for CUPPA Hall and update committee on the outcomes.
- f. Anderson will approach Mike Landek to discuss evaluation and improvement of energy building standards for achieving zero net energy building goal and update committee on the outcomes.