

# UA Sustainability Council Meeting Minutes

Arkansas Union 308 SW

Tuesday

May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017

3:30-5:00



1. Call to order
  - a. Meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM.
2. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Minutes were approved.
3. Approval of Agenda
  - a. Agenda was approved.
4. Co-Chair updates
  - a. Executive Director, Office for Sustainability
    - i. Marty Matlock was unable to attend the meeting because of his flight schedule in Tulsa, Oklahoma.
  - b. Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities, Mike Johnson
    - i. According to Mike Johnson, we have been trying to find home for SUST operations in general such as SUST institute/provost with new SUST Center.
    - ii. University of Arkansas Resiliency Center will be established with ARCH Department and the Council of Deans will oversee and participate.
    - iii. Mike Johnson discussed what the department is going to focus on this summer, and that there is a dual focus for the summer to try and get the working groups together and then have something on the procurement side. He also discussed State contracts of all kinds.
    - iv. For the last 14 to 15 months, heating power has been working well. Currently working on some other areas in the utility side. He announced that he had to leave in 15 to 20 minutes to attend another meeting in Administration. He was pleased with the creation of the ARCH Resiliency Center.
    - v. He answered questions from staff and faculty. One staff member asked about the resiliency center and its scope. Mike Johnson discussed its scope and how we are surrounded by the city of Fayetteville who provides us all types of services. Another staff member asked about sustainability issues outside of resiliency and where they fit into the framework. There was a discussion regarding the definition of resiliency. They discussed being resilient in the face of change in regards to climate change. Discussed Stephen Hawking saying that we have 100 years to find a new planet.
  - c. ASG Representative – Jack Saccia was unable to attend the meeting.

5. University of Arkansas Resiliency Center, Eric Boles
  - a. He discussed what we can do to move forward. Eric suggested partnering with the city of Fayetteville. He also discussed a climate action plan/energy action plan. He discussed the working groups, and if we could try and get each of the working groups to meet up this summer to discuss resiliency, the pressing issues and our priorities going forward. They discussed coordinating with other groups in town such as Active Transportation.
6. Development of a campus resiliency strategy
  - a. Energy Dashboard Updates
    - i. Scott Turley announced updates.
  - b. Developing Resiliency Strategy
    - i. Working Groups – Discussed having each working group identify foreseeable issues and prioritize what they feel would be the most useful.
    - ii. Ralph discussed the functionality of working groups and what they need to work on. He discussed how working group workers need to be chosen wisely.
    - iii. They discussed how it is hard to pull the groups together in summer, and suggestions for how to form the working groups.
7. City of Fayetteville + Chartwells composting program
  - a. Kim Johnson is out this week. Eric discussed the composting Pilot program. The City of Fayetteville has ADEQ permit to do the composting program in the long term which will hopefully start by the beginning of the Fall Semester.
  - b. Discussed how food waste is a huge waste. He discussed how it is a victory that the program has expanded on campus and that he is excited about the partnership with the City of Fayetteville.
8. Green Revolving Fund Update
  - a. The Green Revolving Fund has \$40,000 in it. Students can apply for that funding and are encouraged to partner with faculty and staff for funding for projects that they think have a return on investment. Discussed the slow progress of proposals.
  - b. Have a proposal for swapping out the bulbs for LED lights in the music building on campus. The proposal is for a LED swapout of the florescent bulbs but there are issues with asbestos. Discussed that it going well so far.
  - c. Discussed the replenishment of the fund, and how it will be determined.
  - d. Discussed how the bulbs will be disposed, and that Razorback Recycling has system to dispose of mercury. Briefly discussed Razorbacks Recycling operation.
  - e. Discussed how the U of A bookstore will accept E-Waste for free.
9. National bike to work week
  - a. Friday is National bike to work day.
  - b. The city and Bike NWA will be hosting an event between 7:00 to 9:00 AM at Arsagas, and the Mayor will make a proclamation.
10. UASC Scheduled Meetings

- a. Next meeting is September 12<sup>th</sup>
- 11. Good-of-the-Order
- 12. Adjourn
  - a. The meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.