

U of A Sustainability Council Minutes
Arkansas Union 308
Tuesday
September 12th, 2017
3:30-5:00



Chair Updates:

Marty Matlock, Executive Director of Sustainability

- University of Arkansas Resiliency Center continues to move forward and formalize its structure.
- This is an interdisciplinary partnership between the College of Engineering, Business College, and School of Architecture.

Jack Saccia, ASG Sustainability Director

- They will be screening *An Inconvenient Sequel* as well as a *Food Evolution* this semester
- They are partnering with Greek Life to establish a Sustainability Scorecard for Greek houses

U of A and City of Fayetteville Resiliency Assessment

- There will be 5 stakeholder meetings for each category of resilience
 - ecosystem
 - infrastructure
 - social
 - economic
 - human
- After identifying priorities in the 5 categories, we will create an initial assessment document that highlights overlap in priorities.
- Then there will be a public input session at the UA Union and at the City Town Center to gather feedback from anyone who attends.

International Parking Day on Sept 15th

- Activities
 - Parklet in front of Blackboard eatery for a 1 year pilot
 - Across street on the south side, there will be 4 electric vehicles (EV) to celebrate National Drive Electric Week

City of Fayetteville and Chartwells Composting Program

- Some issues:
 - Contamination (probably from students)

- Trucks will not pick up receptacles with contamination
 - If they aren't picked up, insect issues
- Some solutions
 - Make better distinctions between waste and compost (signs)
 - Make trash cans more accessible next to compost
 - This reiterates the need to make recycling colors on bins standardized across campus

Peter Neirengarten: Currently picking up from 4 locations on campus as of August 16th, about a half ton per week. Is being processed at City of Fayetteville

Some ideas: A mass compost pickup for all around campus. Would take to City of Fayetteville. This idea needs to be discussed more.

Campus Bicycling updates from the Bicycle Advocacy Council: Jon Johnson

- Projects:
 - Bike Share program with City of Fayetteville, Bentonville, and WalMart
 - Smart Bike system
 - Has to be able to have electric bicycles in the first installation
 - Bicycling in core of campus
 - Safety campaign for biking on campus at beginning of each semester
 - Bike.uark.edu for more information
 - In the future, bike trails on campus/preferred routes
 - Bicycle infrastructure improvement plan
 - OFS is working on this with support from Campus Planning
 - Campus Planning is working on Feasibility Assessment of Maple St Cycletrack and Oak Ridge Trail extension. This is a collaboration between City of Fayetteville, Walton Foundation, and the University of Arkansas.
- We have received Silver Status for Bicycle Friendly University from The League of American Bicyclist
- Walton Foundation is funding Bike NWA to send 5 reps from the U of A to Colorado University and Colorado State University to learn best practices
 - This is happening in early October
- U of A Cycling Club now has about 20 riders. They are leading for Division 1 schools
- How do bikes effect sustainability?
 - We are responsible for Scope 3 emission (traveling from home to campus)
 - 25% of our carbon footprint is Scope 3 emissions

Hunger Chats:

- Partnership between Honors College, VAC, and Chartwells
- Free form discussion panel on Food Waste
- On September 27th at 5:30 in Gearhart Honors College Lounge

Green Revolving Fund:

- Project with FAMA
 - Purchasing 9 trimmers, 7 blowers. They're all Stihl battery powered units
 - Motion unanimously passed to allocate Green Revolving Fund money for this project
 - New application for funding: LED retrofit in the Music building
 - Replacing all lights in Music building with LED lights
 - Fluorescents are 3x less efficient and contain toxic mercury
 - The Managed Systems Working Group will meet to review

Enterprise Energy Management System:

- Looking for something to put utility data into to analyze and assess to share with community
- RFP process has identified a software package to organize and visualize the data
- Public facing, real time software

Game Day Challenge:

- October 21st Auburn Game: The Official Game Day Challenge for reporting
- Usually we are top 8, going to shoot for higher
- Need better communication to tailgaters that recycling is something they could do

Memo to Chancellor about Zero Waste Goal Realignment:

- Currently, we should have 90% Zero Waste Diversion by 2021
- Amend to: 50% by 2021, 70% by 2027, and 90% by 2040
 - This was decided by a group of stakeholders at a meeting this summer
 - The goals were based on data presented in that meeting
- There was a request to have further justification included with the memo. The Office for Sustainability will draft a new version of the memo for the UASC to review by email.