## U of A Sustainability Council Minutes Davis Hall Rm. 111 (Conference Room) Tuesday February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 3:00-4:30



- 1. Call to order
- 2. Approval of minutes
- 3. Approval of agenda
- 4. Co-chair updates
  - a. Executive Director, Office for Sustainability
    - University of Arkansas Resiliency Center has been approved by the Board of Trustees
  - b. Associate Vice Chancellor, Facilities Management
    - Discussion over the merits of the 2000MW wind farm in Oklahoma
    - The project appears to be a positive for rate payers and the environment, but there is corporate pushback by energy companies
  - c. ASG Sustainability Chair Jack Scaccia
    - Gave a Climate Action Plan presentation which is available for circulation
- 5. Wind Catcher project
  - SWEPCO Wind Catcher project is pending approval in OK, AR, and LA
- 6. Bottle filling stations Michela Cupello, campus planner
  - The long-term goal is to create a comprehensive map of filling stations across the entire campus
- 7. Food waste composting Chartwells + CoF
  - Ongoing issues with walk by contamination and the twist lock mechanisms
  - Compostable bag liners are coming within the next 20 days
  - 46 tons of food waste has been gathered since August
- 8. Zero Waste goal alignment with City of Fayetteville
  - The City is going to reach 40% diversion from landfill by 2027
  - The UA will achieve 50% diversion by 2021
  - The UA will achieve 70% diversion by 2027
  - The UA will achieve 90% diversion by 2040
  - The UA is currently at about 35%, but a path to 50% diversion has been mapped
- 9. Green Revolving Fund update
  - a. Battery-powered trimmers and blowers have been purchased and online for the past two weeks
  - b. MUSC building LED installation
    - i. Project was actually less expensive than expected
    - ii. ROI is only 2.5 years and bulbs appear to provide a better light quality

- 10. Bike + Pedestrian trail updates
  - a. Soft surface trails are expected to be funded by the Walton Family Foundation. This will be a three phase project
  - b. A campus bike circuit is in development
    - i. this will be another partnership with the WFF and City of Fayetteville
  - c. Bike + Pedestrian Coordinator
    - i. This will be a new staff position at the UA, but 50% funded by the City of Fayetteville
      - 1. 50% of time and resources will also be allocated to the City
      - 2. The job will be posted within March
- 11. Bike Fest 2018  $\rightarrow$  April 5<sup>th</sup> in front of Union
  - a. Partnership with the Bicycle Advocacy Council and UREC Outdoors
- 12. Earth Week  $\rightarrow$  April 16-20
  - a. Suggestions are welcomed
  - b. The OFS is partnering with various groups across campus to promote a suite of activities throughout the week
  - c. Please let the OFS know if you're aware of an event that we may not be aware of
- 13. The next UASC meeting will be April 10<sup>th</sup>
  - a. 3-4:30pm
  - b. Davis Hall
- 14. Good-of-the-Order
- 15. Adjourn