

UA Sustainability Council

Minutes – 15 JAN 2013



Minutes prepared by Carlos Ochoa
Arkansas Union
Rooms 507-509
3:30-5:00
Agenda

1. Call to order *Carlos Ochoa*
 - a. Carlos welcomed Council, introduced himself as the Director, Office for Sustainability and the Executive Secretary of the Council.
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve: Sue Smith
 - b. Second: Catherine Baltz
 - c. Discussion: Line 6A and 7A had identical sentences. Should be fixed and uploaded to website.
3. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Motion to approve: Sue Smith
 - b. Second: Catherine Baltz
4. Chancellor Gearhart
 - a. Chancellor was predisposed but arrived during the co-chair updates.
 - b. Stated Sustainability is a core value of the university.
 - i. Examples
 1. Sustainability Minor
 2. Sustainability Grad certificate
 3. Work towards undergrad degree
 - c. Stated Sustainability is cross-disciplinary and that all offices, departments, and sectors of the University should work together to solve common problems.
5. Provost Gaber
 - a. Discussed the relationship between her and the Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities, Mike Johnson, and the Executive Director, Office for Sustainability, Marty Matlock, as an evolving and cooperative relationship.
 - b. Additional resources are being allocated to the Office for Sustainability.
 - c. Remarked at the wide range of attendees and stated that "If we can't solve problems on our campus, then no one can."
 - d. Stated that we need to do a better job of sharing our success stories.
 - e. Highlighted the need to spotlight student engagement and faculty and student research.
 - f. Encouraged the council to actively work with Marty Matlock and Carlos Ochoa as sustainability efforts continue to evolve on our campus.

6. Co-chair updates

a. Executive Director, Office for Sustainability

i. New Charges for Workgroups

1. Reflect the sustainability minor
2. New Work Groups
 - a. Built
 - b. Social
 - c. Environmental
 - d. Managed
 - e. Academics
3. Encourages all members of the council to participate in Working Groups.
4. Working groups can include students, staff, and faculty.
5. The OfS will leverage the power of students in the Sustainability Minor to accomplish several sustainability goals.
6. Encouraged those who sign up for working groups to show up and participate.
7. Those who are interested in participating, can email Carlos at sustain@uark.edu. Marty will also be contacting members directly.

ii. Internship Program

1. Ten interns hired for the sustainability office
2. Will work on various projects including outreach, and fulfilling sustainability commitments.

iii. RecycleMania

1. Several programs lined up. Partnerships being built. Wants to amplify efforts by other campus community members.
2. RecycleMania is an example of various outreach programs throughout the semester, such as World Water Day and Campus Conservation Nationals.
3. Online pledges developed:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dHNqbE9JeTJCYWpieUZYblQwaVpOUkE6MA#gid=0>

iv. Academic Engagement - honors research, service learning, class projects

1. Service learning – OfS wants to better serve faculty and staff that require service learning for their courses.

b. Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities

i. Sustainability House

1. Now Sustainability for the campus has a house. 238 Harmon avenue is a physical house for the Office for Sustainability. Will act as a central hub for those interested in sustainability efforts on campus.

ii. Greenhouse Gas Inventory 2012

1. FY '12 data to be submitted soon.

2. Travel is still missing but to be completed soon.
3. Energy Savings Performance Contracts preliminary reports show 25-30 thousand metric ton equivalent of carbon emissions avoided.
- iii. Combined Heat and Power
 1. To begin on new project this year to update heating and cooling equipment. Specifically, the installation of a turbine to generate electricity on campus.
 2. To be completed by end of 2014
 3. This project has potential to bring down emissions to 1991 levels, ahead of the 2021 mid-term goals outlined in the Climate Action Plan.
- iv. LEED Standard
 1. Nano building to receive Gold LEED.
 - a. First building to receive gold rating on our campus
- v. Conclusion
 1. Facilities making progress
 2. Academics making significant headway
 3. Carlos and Marty hired
 4. New sustainability house
 5. Support from students, staff, faculty, and upper administration.
 6. "We have everything in place but we can't do it without you!"
- c. ASG Representative
 - i. Sustainability Initiatives passed through the senate (added as attachments):
 1. B.I.N.S.
 - a. RSO's can now request to pick up recycling bins for events.
 2. Campus Yard Sale
 - a. End of year effort to divert additional material from the landfill
 3. Ecofriendly Products
 - a. Request to support Greeks Going Green, development of new sustainability chairs in each Greek House.
 4. Water Fountain Stations
 - a. ASG requests Facilities Management to install at least one water refill station in each campus building.
7. Approval of Bylaws
 - a. Motion to approve bylaws: Sue Smith
 - b. Second: Kate Dougherty
 - c. Discussion: None
 - d. Vote: Approved
8. Good-of-the-Order
 - a. Sue Smith
 - i. Pepsi dream machines to be installed soon.
 - ii. New recycling center at the Union to be announced soon.

- b. Peter Nierengarten
 - i. Meadow Creek Trail is finished
 - ii. More trails planned for the Summer of '13
 - iii. Sharrows on Dickson and Arkansas
 - iv. More bike parking on Dickson
 - c. John Kester
 - i. Question to Mike Johnson. Will the UA adopt updated energy codes?
 - 1. Reply:
 - a. LEED Ratings likely better than 2009
 - b. Also, the UA is required to comply with the state's Act 1494 energy reduction requirements.
 - 2. Peter Nierengarten:
 - a. Echoed what Mike Johnson stated.
 - d. John Johnson
 - i. How can we track and trumpet what has been done?
 - 1. Mike Johnson
 - a. Through AASHE and ACUPCC, as well as campus region and state.
 - e. Brian Barlow
 - i. Inquired if there was any interest in compost initiatives. Suggested that the Cherokee Nation may have funds to help compost food waste.
 - ii. Marty Matlock told Brian to contact him after the meeting.
9. UASC Scheduled Meetings
- a. Jan 15, 2013 3:30-5:00 Location-ARKU Rooms 507-509
 - b. Apr 23, 2013, 3:30-5:00, Location TBD
 - c. Jul 23, 2013, 3:30-5:00, Location TBD
 - d. Oct 15, 2013, 3:30-5:00, Location TBD
10. Adjourn
- a. Motion: Sue Smith
 - b. Second: Catherine Baltz