

UA Sustainability Council Meeting – 23 April 2013



Arkansas Union
Rooms 509-511
3:30-5:00
Minutes

1. Call to order *Carlos Ochoa*
 - a. Meeting was called to order at 3:32 PM.
2. Approval of Minutes & Agenda
 - a. Carlos asked if any modifications were necessary for the minutes or the agenda. Hearing none, the minutes and agenda were accepted.
3. Co-chair updates
 - a. Executive Director, Office for Sustainability
 - i. Marty asked attendees to sign up for a working group. Stated that the semester has been very busy and the Office for Sustainability is still figuring out how to convene the meetings, and assign and assess projects. Marty asked all present members to participate sign up for a working group today.
 - ii. Mind-Map
 1. Carlos Ochoa discussed his mind map of the Office for Sustainability. He discussed the projects, programs, events, communications strategies, outreach and other efforts pursued by the OfS this semester. It will be included as a pdf when the minutes are distributed.
 - iii. CCN
 1. Mallory Jenkins
 - a. Campus Conservation Nationals- reducing energy usage in residence halls. April 1-21. Baseline set as April 1-21 2012.
 - b. Results were unusual, buildings with little participation were leading the competition. We are normalizing the data to understand.
 - c. The competition reduced usage by over \$6,000 which equates to over 110,000 pounds of carbon dioxide.
 - d. Overall decline and savings. Over 150 residents committed to conserving energy by practicing at least one conservational behavior. Did not monitor water

savings, so there could be even more savings than reported.

- e. Housing spent over 1.5 million in utilities FY2012. If we reduce by 10% on average/year, we could avoid \$750k through direct occupant engagement.

- b. Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities - Mike Johnson
 - i. The UA is now working to update AASHE STARS with hopes of earning a Gold Rating.
 - ii. The next phase of the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment is an update to the Climate Action Plan.
- c. ASG Representative – John Kester
 - i. Several events were a success this semester. From the earth day speakers to the recycling bin initiatives.
 - ii. Last year as ASG senate representative to the cabinet but new administration wants to continue this legacy.

4. Working Group Updates

Carlos introduced two working groups that have made some progress on projects. He suggested these are the kinds of projects that could be undertaken by the working groups.

- a. Built
 - i. Zero Client
 - 1. Will Alred from the Walton College of Business and Alexander Clark presented on a project that is still under review.
 - 2. The project replaces 392 student-access desktop computers in the Sam M. Walton College of Business with highly energy efficient, server-based computing devices called Zero Clients.
- b. Managed
 - i. Bike Fix-it Station
 - 1. Members of managed working group worked with Pepsi to purchase and install a bike fix-it station at the Arkansas Union.
- c. Social
 - i. No report
- d. Natural
 - i. No Report
- e. Academic
 - i. No Report

5. Good-of-the-Order

- a. Bike to work week
 - i. May 12-18, 2013
 - ii. Register at www.bconwa.com

iii. Click image to be taken to youtube video.



b. Earth Day Events

- **The UA Earth Day Fair**

Monday 10:00-2:00 in the University of Arkansas Union International Connections Lounge on Monday, April 22. Local businesses and individuals will showcase their environmental products, services, research efforts and ideas. Sustainability-themed Registered Student Organizations will also be present during the fair. [Organizations can register here.](#)

- **The Sustainability Capstone poster presentation**

Tuesday April 23 from 10:00-2:00 in the University of Arkansas Union International Connections Lounge. This poster presentation will demonstrate undergraduate research in the field of sustainability.

- **The UA Sustainability Council**

Tuesday 3:30 – 5:00 in Arkansas Union room 509-511 on April 23. This meeting is open to the public.

- **Open House and Brown Bag Lecture**

Wednesday 10:00 – 3:00. Elvira Kizilova, a Public Policy graduate student, will present a special brown bag lecture on Sustainable Tourism. Arts and Craft stations will be located in the basement. Additional activities will take place throughout the day. The Sustainability House is located at 238 Harmon Avenue.

6. UASC Scheduled Meetings

- a. Jul 23, 2013, 3:30-5:00, Location AU 509-511
- b. Oct 15, 2013, 3:30-5:00, Location AU 509-511

7. Adjourn

- a. Carlos asked for a motion to adjourn
- b. X made the motion

- c. X seconded
- d. Meeting adjourned at 4:35