

UA Sustainability Council Meeting – 15 October 2013



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

Agenda

1. Call to order *Carlos Ochoa*
2. Approval of Minutes
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4. Co-chair updates
 - a. Executive Director, Office for Sustainability--Marty Matlock is full-time Executive Director since September 1; trying to measure the various waste streams on campus, intern is trying to gather data on paper use on campus, trying to reconcile policies so that we can work on reducing waste streams on campus; evaluating and reporting, determining how much of our research portfolio is related to sustainability; encouraging involvement in workgroups--do not have to be a member of the Council to serve on the workgroups, workgroups are the voice of decision-making; outcomes of the Council are directly reported to the Provost to help inform policy decisions
 - b. Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities--Jean Tyson CDC has received a LEED Gold rating, geothermal heating; Ozark Hall awarded 2013 Arkansas State Historical Alliance Award for creativity in adding on additional wing; transportation master plan update, geocoding all 2013 faculty, staff and students to see where they live in relation to campus, commuter survey is going to be done, working on collaboration with the city on transportation planning; Town and Gown Committee having good meetings; looking forward to see updated information on 2013 greenhouse gas emissions; will be working on update of Climate Action Plan
 - c. ASG Representative--not present
5. Workgroup Updates
 - a. Built Systems--draft white paper created for zero client project, trying to create a solid business case to expand the zero client program utilized by the Walton College; discussion of dashboard development, Dr. Thompson is helping with it (as well as a couple of his students), how to get the dashboard information out to campus
 - b. Managed Systems--met with Dr. Thompson to talk about the dashboard; will take a look at the Climate Action Plan; doing research on energy and

utility reduction; Earth Tubs are back in operation at the Agri Farm; several student groups are working on food digesture and natural gas efficiency technologies

c. Social Systems--working on a social campaign; National Campus Sustainability Day on Wednesday, October 23;

d. Natural Systems--going to take a look at the urban canopy of campus; looking at the space around the Sustainability House to possibly create a rain garden or butterfly garden; University is working on contracting with an arborist to do a study of the landscape and will begin with a look at the trees on the east side of Old Main, will likely occur within the next 30 days

e. Academic Systems--in the process of updating the website for the sustainability minor and the graduate certificate; faculty are continuing to create courses with a sustainability focus across campus; working on a proposal to create a Bachelor of Science in Sustainability degree; teach Foundations of Sustainability course in the spring semester, approximately 160 students have been enrolled in the course the past two years; would like to have 200 students enrolled in the sustainability minor within the next year or so (there are presently 110 students enrolled in the minor)

6. Good-of-the-Order--Athletics is working on another contest to create an 85% diversion rate of waste/recyclables from stadium concourse and tailgate areas, will be done during the November 2 Auburn game; Make A Difference Day is Saturday, October 26;

7. UASC Scheduled Meetings

a. 2014 Dates TBA--2014: January 7, April 8, July 8, October 14 (3:30 to 5 p.m.)

8. Adjourn