

# UA Sustainability Council Meeting

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Arkansas Union 503  
Tuesday  
08 September 2015  
3:30-5:00

## Minutes

1. Call to order
  - a. *Marty Matlock* called the meeting to order at 3:30 with a round of introductions.
2. Approval of Minutes
  - a. No modification was made to the minutes from the last meeting.
3. Approval of Agenda
  - a. No modification was made to the current meeting's agenda.
4. Annual Report
  - a. No new annual reports were presented at the meeting.
5. Co-chair updates
  - a. Executive Director, Office for Sustainability
    - i. The job advertisement for the Director of the Office for Sustainability position is now closed, and a search committee has been formed to review the applicants. We hope to have the position filled by October 1<sup>st</sup>. The new 2015-16 ASG representative, Yvonne Ngome, will participate on the search committee.
  - b. Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities
    - i. We have a number of low impact development (LID) projects on campus, and updates were given on the status of these projects. New projects were introduced, including an offsite storage facility for the Mullins Library.
    - ii. The five-megawatt combined heat and power system has been installed. By the end of FY16 we believe we will take an additional 25-30 thousand MTCDE off the table. Our 2021 goal is 121 thousand, which we will reach five years early. That number is our estimated 1990 emissions benchmark. Five megawatts is about 25% of our base power load on campus.
    - iii. The new facility fee, and the opportunity it provides for the stewardship of existing buildings, was discussed.
  - c. ASG Representative
    - i. Yvonne Ngome is working with ASG to revise the approval form for ASG funded events to include a Zero Waste program requirement.

Marty Matlock noted that the Office for Sustainability may need to purchase additional ClearStream receptacles to meet the new demand.

6. Workgroup Updates
  - a. Built Systems
    - i. An update on the progress of the campus solar photovoltaic power projects was given. It was noted that, due to the aggressive state deadlines for securing land, the 50 MW array that was previously will not be feasible at this time.
  - b. Managed Systems
    - i. The City of Fayetteville and UA Composting Pilot was discussed. Chartwells will be partnering with the City of Fayetteville to incorporate food waste into the City's existing yard waste composting program. This project could lead to improved compost quality for all Fayetteville residents.
  - c. Social Systems
  - d. Natural Systems
  - e. Academic Systems
    - i. Marty Matlock announced the stepping down of Dr. Steve Boss as Academic Program Director.
    - ii. Marty Matlock noted the growing interest in the sustainability minor, and the efforts that are underway to develop two Master's programs in sustainability, including an Executive Master's program.
7. City of Fayetteville Volunteer Opportunities *Kristina Jones*
  - a. Kristina Jones gave an update on the Adopt-a-Trail program
  - b. A project is underway to combat invasive species and promote habitat. A stakeholder group has been convened to study invasive species in order to determine whether there is a need for a city-wide ordinance.
  - c. A partnership has also been formed to study the Illinois River Watershed, and the group will be applying for an EPA grant to improve water quality in the region.
  - d. Interested individuals are invited to contact Kristina about partnerships for curriculum development, student projects, etc.
8. NWA Bike Share Developments *Paxton Roberts*
  - a. Paxton Roberts was not able to attend.
9. Fall 2015 Campus + Community Sustainability Mixer *Keaton Smith*
  - a. Keaton Smith discussed the 4<sup>th</sup> annual event to connect students with local organizations. The goal is to enable students that are looking for Capstone projects or for service learning hours to network with local organizations that are looking for interns and volunteers. The event will be held on Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00PM in the Union Connections Lounge.
    - i. Keaton has asked for help in promoting the event among students, especially those pursuing the sustainability minor.
    - ii. Please contact Keaton with any further questions or ideas.
10. Good-of-the-Order

- a. Marty Matlock announced that Summer Sherrod, president of the Student Sustainability Club, has appointed Kenneth Hamilton as the UASC representative of the Sustainability Student Club (formerly Student Sustainability Council).
  - b. Everyone is invited to a campus event to transform a campus parking spot to green space. Additional information about the event will be circulated.
  - c. Mike Johnson reported that the University has met its \$50,000 goal for a Green Revolving Fund three years early.
11. UASC Scheduled Meetings
- a. October 13, Arkansas Union 503, 3:30-5:00 PM
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