

UA Sustainability Council

Minutes



Ozark Hall 108
Tuesday
10 November 2015
3:30-5:00

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1. Call to order
 - a. Marty Matlock called the meeting to order at 3:30 Pm.
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. There were no changes to the minutes from the last meeting.
3. Approval of Agenda
 - a. There were no changes to the agenda for today's meeting.
4. Co-chair updates
 - a. Executive Director, Office for Sustainability
 - i. Marty Matlock introduced Michael Repovich, who has been working in the OFS for the past 2 months as the Program Director for Zero Waste.
 - ii. Michael Repovich provided an overview of the Gamer4Good (G4G) project. The OFS has partnered with G4G to run an alpha test and a beta test on the gamification of recycling. Several honors economics classes participated in the alpha test, and the beta test is a competition among Greek houses. Amy Farmer and several other WCOB faculty are collaborating on the formal research component.
 - iii. The OFS is currently conducting interviews for the director position. UASC members have received invitations to meet with each candidate. A decision should be made by November 20.
 - iv. Steve Boss has stepped down as the director of the Sustainability Academic programs. We are working to identify a new director, and will hopefully have that finalized by this week.
 - v. We are working on developing a Master of Science degree and Executive Master's degree in Sustainability.
 - b. Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities
 - i. Mike Johnson announced that next week, Facilities will have a debriefing on our FY15 GHG emissions. We have the opportunity next summer to be at our 1990 emissions levels. That will put us about five years ahead of our 2021 mid-term goal per the Climate Action Plan. Looking forward, most of our carbon footprint is in how our electricity is generated, which is mostly through coal. We have looked into sequestration, and there are many avenues to be explored.

- ii. There was discussion of the combined heat and power cogeneration unit, which is online now and will be responsible for taking 30,000 metric tons of CO2 off of our footprint, as well as possible future technologies to invest in.
 - iii. Our efforts for solar are currently aiming for a 5-acre, 1-megawatt demonstration array. The 50-megawatt array was tabled due to the renewable energy tax credit expiration. If it is extended next year, we may be able to revisit it with the support of the new chancellor. With other major solar projects going up around the state in the meantime, some of the obstacles may be lesser by that time as well.
 - c. ASG Representative
- 5. Workgroup Updates
 - a. Built Systems
 - b. Managed Systems
 - c. Social Systems
 - d. Natural Systems
 - i. Summer Sherrod, president of the Student Sustainability Club, would like to get in contact with somebody from the Natural Systems workgroup about installing a biodiversity display garden on campus.
 - e. Academic Systems
- 6. Update from the City of Fayetteville on bike share program *Peter Nierengarten*
 - a. The city of Fayetteville has been in discussions with several groups regarding the implementation of a city and university bike sharing program.
 - b. Dane Eifling, bicycle programs coordinator for the city, gave a presentation on the city's goals and definitions for a bike sharing program.
- 7. Good-of-the-Order
- 8. UASC Scheduled Meetings
 - a. We are considering shifting our meetings to have two each semester and one in the summer. We will send out a proposed generic meeting pattern. We will keep the Tuesday 3:30-5:00 time slot.
- 9. Adjourn
 - a. Meeting was adjourned at 4:55 Pm.