

# UA Sustainability Council

## Minutes

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Arkansas Union 503

Tuesday

19 January 2016

3:30-5:00

### Minutes

1. Call to order
  - a. The meeting was called to order at 3:30 Pm
2. Approval of Minutes
  - a. The minutes from last meeting were approved.
3. Approval of Agenda
  - a. No changes were made to the agenda for the current meeting.
4. Introducing Eric Boles, Director of the Office for Sustainability and Executive Secretary of the UA Sustainability Council
  - a. Eric Boles received his Masters at the U of A in 2013 in BENG,
  - b. Co-founded Paradigm Sustainability Solutions,
  - c. Sought director position to work with a diverse group of people to make lasting changes at the U of A.
5. Co-chair updates
  - a. Executive Director, Office for Sustainability
    - i. Second Nature Climate Commitment
      1. Formerly ACUPCC, now restructured under Second Nature, the nonprofit organization out of Boston. For COP21, the White House asked ACUPCC members to sign on to a climate commitment, which the U of A did.
      2. Second Nature has asked us to expand our climate commitment to resilience. We are so far already doing everything encompassed in the resilience commitment.
      3. Voting to approve submission of Comprehensive Climate Commitment to Chancellor Steinmetz:
        - a. Materials will be posted online and distributed to the Council for review.
        - b. Vote will be called electronically on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
    - b. Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities
      - i. Combined Heat and Power
        1. The 5 megawatt generator on campus has encountered some problems. It went online in December in what is called a "loafing" mode, under 2 megawatts, and it was leaking CO2. In

the second week of January, it was up and running at the full 5 megawatts, and they had a shroud burn and had to shut it down. The manufacturer is working to resolve the problem. Once it is operating it will provide about 25% of our base power and a significant amount of steam. Once it is operating, it will take us down to our 1990 GHG level, which is our 2021 goal in the Climate Action Plan.

2. The Clean Line transmission line is not going to stop in NWA, so we will not have an opportunity to tap into it, but other renewable energy opportunities are on the horizon.
- c. ASG Representative
  - i. The ASG representative was not present.
6. OFS Program Director presents on zero waste strategy
  - a. In the last couple of months Michael Repovich has been working with some members of the university to look at how to get to our zero waste goal, which is defined as diverting 90% of our waste from the landfill.
  - b. Michael Repovich gave a presentation on where we stand today and strategies that are being developed. The presentation will be shared along with the minutes.
  - c. There was a discussion about employing life cycle assessment in order to prioritize which types of materials would have the biggest impact to recycle and which might not make sense to recycle from an environmental standpoint.
  - d. This week the City is launching an organics pilot composting program to pick up from four locations on campus, an elementary school, and several other locations to pick up pre- and post-consumer food waste, take it to the composting facility on Happy Hollow Road, and mix it in with existing yard debris, forming wind rows and inoculating it for fast decomposition. This pilot will help to determine how viable the model is for wider implementation.
7. Workgroup Updates
  - a. Planning for 2016 workgroup structure and goals
    - i. The workgroups are intended to be groups of likeminded folks with experience and interest to move projects into ongoing implementations and policies, but have lacked specific tasks to work on.
    - ii. There has been interest in forming committees around specific initiatives such as bicycling, and the OFS is here to support those collaborations.
    - iii. From now on, when a workgroup is called to meet, it will be in response to a defined need (i.e. bicycling, Earth Week), and everyone will be notified so that everyone who is interested can attend. The OFS will act as a broker for these initiatives.
8. Good-of-the-Order
  - a. The City of Fayetteville has adopted new rules and regulations in regards to bicycles. Bicycles are allowed to use the sidewalk except when it is adjacent

to the front of a building (such as Dickson Street), and the other ordinance pertains to when and where bicycles must use the side lanes on the street. The city is also preparing to submit its bicycle friendly community application.

- b. An [invasive species ordinance](#) has been passed and identifies 17 new invasive species. An educational component has been launched that has information on the invasive species and alternative similar species that are preferable.
9. UASC Scheduled Meetings
    - a. April 12, 2016, 3:30-5:00 Pm, ARKU 503
    - b. June 28, 2016, 3:30-5:00 Pm, Location TBD
    - c. September 13, 2016, 3:30-5:00 Pm, Location TBD
    - d. December 13, 2016, 3:30-5:00 Pm, Location TBD
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