

UA Sustainability Council Minutes
Gearhart Hall 102
Tuesday June 28th, 2016
3:30-5:00



Agenda

1. Call to order
 - a. Eric Boles 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. The agenda for this meeting was approved.
4. Co-chair updates
 - a. Executive Director, Office for Sustainability
 - i. Marty Matlock asked Scott Turley to speak about Facilities Management's progress on alternative energy options.
 1. There is an active discussion taking place with SWEPCO about alternative power options available to them. They are currently exploring a possible 20 megawatt solar array.
 2. Ozarks Electric recently launched a one megawatt array that the City of Fayetteville has bought into.
 - b. Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities (absent)
 - c. Announcing new ASG Representative –
 - i. Skylar Caldwell is the new Sustainability Director for ASG for the 2016-17 academic year. She was unable to attend today's meeting.
5. Zero Waste
 - a. The U of A has a goal to be zero waste by 2021, and we are learning that waste aversion is the most effective and least costly approach, as opposed to diversion, which means that we are investigating possible procurement policy implementation.
 - i. Sustainable Procurement Policy – *Grant James*
 1. The current sustainable procurement policy is brief and vague. We are looking at proposing additions that would highlight greenhouse gas emissions, chemical use, social equity, and community stewardship. We are identifying areas for improvement in data collection, tracking, and reporting in the procurement process. Construction bids already include waste diversion requirements; adding similar terms to other bid purchases is a possibility.
 2. These suggestions are intended to start the conversation on this topic. Next steps would be to work with the Managed Systems working group to refine the proposal.

3. The Managed Systems workgroup can work to inventory the various procurement mechanisms on campus and analyze the density of their usage. Stakeholder engagement of all purchasing staff on campus to identify needs and preferences should be explored.
6. Workgroup Co-Chair Updates
 - a. Managed Systems - *Stephen Ritterbush*
 - i. We need to bring more people into the workgroups to make them more robust throughout the year in terms of participation.
 7. Green Revolving Fund
 - a. We still have \$40,000 from the 2016 fiscal year that has not been allocated to projects.
 - b. New GRF application for managed systems working group
 - i. Submitted by Grant James
 - ii. The application is to install LED lighting in the Mullins Library.
 - iii. The Managed Systems workgroup is currently reviewing this application for approval.
 8. Bicycle Friendly University
 - a. In 2014 the OFS submitted an application to the League of American Cyclists to become a Bike Friendly Campus. At that time we only achieved honorable mention status. We are now revisiting this effort in the hope of achieving bronze level certification.
 - b. Fayetteville is already a silver level Bike Friendly Community, the only one in the state of Arkansas. They are continuing with improvements to achieve an even higher ranking.
 - i. The city is collaborating with U of A Parking and Transit to launch a joint city-campus bike share program that would operate under the same name as the current, campus-only program, Razorbikes. The new program could launch as early as March 2017.
 - c. Bicycle Advocacy Committee
 - i. Eric Boles and Jon Johnson are forming a committee to work toward improving our cycling infrastructure on campus. Interested parties can reach out.
 9. Bee Campus USA
 - a. The OFS has been working to become a certified bee friendly campus through Bee Campus USA, a program launched in April 2015 by Southern Oregon University. Only 13 other campuses have been certified so far.
 - b. As part of the certification requirements, the OFS has convened a Pollinator Committee to guide the process. All members of the Natural Systems workgroup were invited to serve on the committee, but all interested parties are welcome to join.
 10. Internal Communications
 - a. The OFS has started using a team-oriented messaging application called Slack for internal communications.
 - b. We have created a team for the UASC and will be inviting all members to join. This is completely optional.

- c. This will not replace official email communications, but is intended to keep conversations going between meetings.
- 11. Good-of-the-Order
 - a. There were no Good-f-the-Order items.
- 12. UASC Scheduled Meetings
 - a. September 13, 2016, 3:30-5:00 Pm, Arkansas Union 507
 - b. December 13, 2016, 3:30-5:00 Pm, Arkansas Union 503
- 13. Adjourn
 - a. The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 Pm.