

UA Sustainability Council || Minutes



April 26, 2022
3:00-4:30PM
MS Teams
Tuesday

1. Co-chair updates

- a. Associate Vice Chancellor, Facilities Management, Scott Turley
 - i. 4 MW solar services agreement approved after 3 years of effort which will reduce the campus energy consumption by 6.3%
 - ii. The board of trustees asked the UA system office to look at a SSA that would cover multiple UA campuses. Eric and Scott are working on this.
 - iii. The additional project would add 10-12 MW of power to the UA portfolio
- b. Director of Sustainability Academic Programs, Ken McCown
 - i. Unable to attend
- c. ASG Sustainability Director, Olivia Ervin
 - i. Lots of Sustainability RSO engagement on Earth Day
 - ii. ASG passed pumping legislation that does not require sororities to participate due to the waste and litter it creates

2. Solar Services Agreement

- a. 4 MW solar services agreement approved after three years of effort which will reduce the campus energy consumption by 6.3% and reduce the UA's carbon footprint by 9%.
- b. The SSA will generate a savings of 3 million dollars over 25 years with no upfront cost

3. Full review of the Fayetteville Traverse provided by Eric Boles

- a. 18-20 mile multi-use natural surface trail for all ages and abilities

- b. The Traverse is shaping up and is already completed in its western phase, connecting Centennial Park and Kessler Regional Park with the UA Campus and other UA facilities like ARTP and the newly restored Oak Savannah
 - c. The last steps to completing the traverse are on campus that is proposed in what the [UA Campus Landscape Design Masterplan](#) refers to as the natural character zone which aligns well with the stream restorations that have already occurred in these areas.
 - d. The trails that are proposed through campus, as well as the ones already built, provide an amazing experience for students to get out into nature on foot or bike and be connected to a world class trail system. They also are an amazing recruitment and retention tool.
 - e. The trail to be built on campus has been broken down into ten sections and can be viewed [here](#).
 - f. The trail is an amenity that will enhance the campus landscape as well as the campus user experience, as well as addressing and fixing current mobility barriers.
4. ARTP Prairie Restoration with Quail Forever and AR Game & Fish Commission
- a. 30 acres of property at the ARTP site is planned to be restored as a prairie, with controlled burns, selective herbicide application, and reseeded of native grasses and wildflowers.
5. Oakland Avenue fire lane bikeway project (if time allows)
- a. There is an opportunity to add a protected bike lane and regain fire access on Oakland Ave. which is consistently blocked by cars parked illegally with no enforcement
 - b. This would also create a direct connection between Maple St and the Douglas St bikeway which is adjacent to the Jean Tyson Child Development Center and also connects in the eastern direction to the Razorback Regional Greenway.
6. Maple Hill Garden workday is Wednesday April 27th at 4PM ([GivePulse](#))
7. Last Oak Ridge Hillside workday is Tuesday May 3rd at 4PM ([GivePulse](#))
8. Good-of-the-Order

9. Adjourn