

# UA Sustainability Council || Agenda

September 16, 2025

Tuesday

3:00-4:30PM

MS Teams



1. Co-chair updates
  - a. Associate Vice Chancellor, Facilities Management, Mike Oestereicher
    - i. Formally welcoming Mike as the new Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities Management
    - ii. He served 23 years in the Navy, specializing in nuclear power, specifically on submarines
  - b. Director of Sustainability Academic Programs, Ken McCown
  - c. ASG Director of Environmental Affairs, Ben Hollis
    - i. ASG is working again with Pedal It Forward to give away bikes to students for free that apply—application deadline is December 9
    - ii. ASG is collaborating with the new ECO Coalition to provide support for the Fall Sustainability Fair
2. OFS Campus Engagement Programs, Julia Mizner, OFS student intern
  - a. ECO Coalition (formerly the RSO Sustainability Coalition)
    - i. Working group of campus leaders from different groups who have core pillars of sustainability
    - ii. They are working to connect, support and amplify each others events
    - iii. Fall Sustainability Fair is Friday, September 26 from 12-3pm, which will showcase all the different RSOs involved and let new student choose what group they would fit into
  - b. Greek Life Sustainability Scorecard
    - i. Promotes sustainability within the greek life system that allows sororities to be more sustainable in their day to day lives, and empowering them to meet the goals set but he scorecard
    - ii. Currently there are six sororities participating in the program, and there are hopes to expand it further and get fraternities involved
  - c. OFS Adopt-a-Trail program

- i. All sections of the Traverse trail have been adopted and the OFS provides all the supplies for the cleanups to make it as easy for the groups as possible.
    - ii. Each group is required to do three hours of work on their segments over semester, and all tools and supplies are provided by the Office for Sustainability
    - iii. More sections are available to adopt, if you have any questions or want to adopt a section of the trail contact [jmizner@uark.edu](mailto:jmizner@uark.edu)
3. UA Solar Services Agreement, Scott Turley
  - a. No upfront cost to the U of A, it also hedges the cost of rising utility rates for the U of A for the next 25 years, creates clean energy jobs in the state of Arkansas and reduces air, water and land pollution
  - b. UA Division of Agriculture's SSA is online
  - c. UA System SSA is progressing and have made it mostly through all the approval processes
    - i. Fall of 2026 is when three of the largest installations servicing UA Fayetteville will be online
    - ii. There are a few smaller solar installations that will go online by the end of this year
4. City of Fayetteville Recycling, Leif Olson
  - a. New recycling and trash collection process/system
    - i. After a third party study, the City of Fayetteville has adopted their study and will be transitioning to cart based recycling (also known as single stream)
    - ii. The city council has approved the budget for the transition to single stream recycling for new trucks, anti-contamination software, marketing, and new recycling carts.
    - iii. The new system is expected to launch June 1, 2026
    - iv. This is a very exciting change for the better and hopefully will encourage more people to recycle as it takes the burden of self sorting off the consumer
    - v. The program will also allow large apartments to recycle as they previously have not had that option with the current system
    - vi. For more information check out the City of Fayetteville's web page about the change: <https://www.fayetteville-ar.gov/3056/Recycling-Program-Studies>
5. Updates from Emma Armendariz, the UA's Active Transportation Coordinator
  - a. Bicycle Safety Block Party

- i. An annual event the OFS puts on every year that is “new student orientation” for bikes on campus, with an emphasis on safety
  - b. Bicycle Library
    - i. 14 repurposed bikes available to students, faculty and staff
    - ii. Long term rentals, from one semester to all four years of your college experience
    - iii. Rentals include helmet, lock, and lights
    - iv. 10 bikes were rented in the first week of the program opening up and hopefully will be able to grow and provide even more students with bicycles
  - c. Annual Commuter Survey
    - i. Open until October 3 and is the UA’s main source of data collection for how people get to and from campus
    - ii. This survey helps guide transportation related initiatives
  - d. Infrastructure improvements
    - i. A new secure bike parking structure is planned to be built at the union, the project is still in design phase
    - ii. Maple Street improvement are going well and moving along, and the section that was started this summer should be completed by the end of October. The second half, from Leverett to Garland Ave will be completed in summer of 2026
    - iii. Oak Ridge Phase 2.2 will also be completed summer of 2026. This has EPA funding and will be near ADMN building
    - iv. Biking and accessibility projects - ramps, these are small projects with a big impact to improve accessibility for all types of wheels
    - v. Three ramp projects finished this year are in the Garland Garage, lower service drive, and Duncan Ave apartments
    - vi. With the Maple Street project and another paved trail project the UA Campus loop comes one step closer to completion
6. Good-of-the-Order
7. Next meeting is November 11<sup>th</sup>