

Minutes – September 15, 2022

UF Sustainability Committee

12:30-2:30pm

Zoom

Members: Ariel Pomputius, Flora Iff-Noel, Nancy Clark, Elizabeth McAlister, Matt Williams, Jessica-Jen Stonecipher, Leslie Thiel, John Duncan, Stephan Willias, Sidney Ruedas, Jessica Sheffield, Angie Brown, Meredith Beaupre, Hélène Huet

Excused: Jodi Chase, Jeff Boissoneault

Guests/Non-Members: Liz Storn

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 12:30 (**Ariel Pomputius**, Chair)

Approval of Minutes

Meredith Beaupre moved to approve the minutes from January 20, 2022. The motion was seconded by **Nancy Clark**.

Overview of Sustainability Committee

(Slides sent separately)

Ongoing Projects

ESG – no updates

Central Energy Plant Upgrade – no updates

Summary of Current Sustainability Projects

Climate Action Plan 2.0

Hoping for a late-fall launch.

Solar Power Purchase

Ultimately, 134 MW (70%) of current electricity will be from solar through Duke as new Duke Solar plants are constructed and operational

Solar on Data Science & IT – Malachowsky Hall for Data Science & Information Technology

(<https://www.eng.ufl.edu/about/new-buildings/malachowsky-hall-for-data-science-information-technology/>)

Donor (Chris Malachowsky) has asked for solar on the Data Science & IT building

Florida Fresh/Chartwells

Currently working to hire Sustainability Manager and get fully operational

We will ask them to present to the Sustainability Committee later this fall/early spring term

Conservation Area Land Management plan updates

A steering group consisting of faculty, staff and students are updating plans from 2004, including biodiversity inventories for the campus conservation areas
More information at a Sustainability Committee meeting later this year

Fleet electric vehicles

Facilities has 5(+) e-bikes for utilities metering crew plus bike trailer

- Working on finding vendors with e-bikes in stock that could be procured for departments on campus

Facilities Services has reserved four Ford F-150 Lightnings (EV)

Mail & Docs has a goal for all vehicles to be EV (9 total). 1st one on order

OoS working on discussions re: EV charging

Flora Iff-Noel asked about ways to providing funding for sustainability efforts such as Transportation. **Matt Williams** replied that we haven't moved forward with soliciting donations for this area, but we have been working with CFO's office and others to get funding set asides

Roundtable discussion

Design, Construction & Planning's new building will be LEED Platinum, Well Certified & solar ready. Learning landscape being developed. Donation from Siemens for dashboards for the building

- Breaking ground in the spring

Stephan Willias mentioned that EH&S working on guidance for labs for sustainability – day to day, operations, etc. He will reach out to Sust Comm for help in the future

Transportation – **Hélène Huet** noted that bus schedule has gotten even worse and makes it even harder for faculty and staff to commute by bus. **Matt** noted that this may be a good area for the Sustainability Committee to interact with PATAC. **Ariel** said that she would reach out to reach out to Chair of PATAC

Jessica-Jean Stonecipher had several questions about bicycles

Is there a better use for the abandoned bikes?

- Some bikes are auctioned, and some are repurposed into Departmental Bikes through the Bike Program
- Working with asset management to also sell high quality bikes better
 - All abandoned bikes are considered state property and must be sold through Asset Management

What is our bike share program?

- Gator Gears has 300 bikes available on a semester rental program
 - Includes helmet, lock & free repairs

Is there the possibility of discounts at local bike shops?

- This is something that the Campus Bicycle Program Coordinator may be able to investigate with HR for Gator Perks

Covered bike parking

- Actively being worked on by PDC

Adjournment

Hélène motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:57pm. **Jessica** Sheffield seconded the motion.