**UF Sustainability Committee – Minutes**

**Date:** April 17, 2025
**Time:** 12:30-2:30 PM
**Location:** Zoom/CISE Conference Room - Malachowsky Hall 4010

**Attendance**

**Members:** Andrew Zimmerman, Craig Moneypenny, Jeanne Ewert, Matt Williams, Jessica-Jean Stonecipher, Jessica Sheffield, Dustin Stephany, Jiangxiao Qiu, Zoe Richter

**Excused:** Flora Iff-Noel, Angie Brown, John Duncan, Nina Stoyan-Rosenzweig, Leslie Thiele

**Absent:**  Austin Britton, Carmen Bruno, Kristin Joys

**Guests/Non-Members:** Kaylee August

We'll cancel August meeting - resume in Sept unless all members set by Aug, or if anything else comes up

Chair nominations

Nina isn't present to know if she's interested in being chair for next year

Dustin - it's pleasant meeting in person

perhaps one in person each semester

something like this one where there is a tour or other sustainability thing to tour

try first meeting in Sept

look at potential for in person locations - Dickinson, Geology, Hough, Business area,

Geology is going to do their open house every other year, at the museum the other years

Roundtable

Andrew will reach out to UF communication to see about sending out the information newsletter

**Call to Order:**

**Jessica Sheffield** called the meeting to order at 12:31 PM.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Jeanne Ewert** moved to approve the minutes from the March 27th, 2025, meeting. **Jessica Sheffield** seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

**Jessica Sheffield** updated the committee oncancelling summer meetings (May through July). The committee discussed the August meeting and unanimously voted to cancel the August meeting and wait for the student members to be present for the committee onboarding meeting. The next meeting will be in September.

**Appointing New Committee Chair**

**Andrew Zimmerman** brought up the committee chair position needing to be filled. **Jeanne Ewert** mentioned that Nina Stoyan-Rosenzweig said that she would be interested in taking the chair position, but was not present so the committee couldn’t vote on it during this meeting. Jessica Sheffield or John Duncan will lead the next September meeting that will vote on the next committee chair.

**Old Business:**

**Matt Williams** provided an update on the committee bylaws approval process. The bylaws need to be approved by Business Affairs. However, the split between Business Affairs and the Construction, Facilities, and Real Estate group might lead to a different approval process over the summer.

**Office of Sustainability Updates:**

**Kaylee August** provided updates on upcoming events. The Sustainability-In-Action Showcase was held on April 9th from 11 AM to 2 PM at the Reitz Union Breezeway. The event saw a 40% increase in participation from the UF community from last year. Additionally, the Champions for Change Ceremony is scheduled for April 23rd from 4 PM to 6 PM at the O'Connell Center Center Court Club.

**Roundtable Discussion:**

**Dustin Stephany** mentioned doing more meetings in person. **Andrew Zimmerman** liked the idea and thought it would be nice to meet in spaces with sustainable building initiatives. **Matt** suggested doing one meeting a semester in person. **Jessica Sheffield** said she would send out an email for people to respond with spaces they can reserve for future committee meetings. Spaces mentioned were Dickinson, Geology, Hough, and the Business area.

**Andrew Zimmerman** mentioned the success of the Geology department’s fair that was during the Sustainability In Action Showcase. He mentioned collaborating with the Office of Sustainability every other year.

Matt Williams shared that Leslie Thiele will be stepping down as chair.

**Meeting Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 PM following a motion by **Andrew Zimmerman**, seconded by **Jessica Sheffield**.