

# UA Sustainability Council || Agenda

April 9, 2024  
Tuesday  
3:00-4:30PM  
MS Teams



1. Co-chair updates
  - a. Associate Vice Chancellor, Facilities Management, Scott Turley
    - i. UA is under contract for two solar services agreements
    - ii. One is a 5 Megawatt project and the other is a much larger 74 Megawatt project
    - iii. These projects will save the UA over \$150 million over the next 25 years, with no upfront costs
  - b. Director of Sustainability Academic Programs, Ken McCown
    - i. Sustainability minor enrollment is stable at around 100 students which is where it has been for a few years now
    - ii. Graduate Certificate in sustainability has seen a major increase in enrollment, from about 3 students to now 15
    - iii. Part of this increase is due to the implementation of the Masters in Environmental Resiliency online, which was approved this past October and now has over 44 students enrolled
    - iv. Sustainability Capstone Poster presentations on April 22 from 11:30 -1:00 pm
  - c. ASG Sustainability Director, Amelia Southern Uribe
    - i. Future Earth Festival is taking place April 25, from 11-2pm at the Union Mall
2. Climate Pollution Reduction implementation grant (Eric Boles)
  - a. UA submitted three projects
    - i. Oak Ridge Hillside
    - ii. ARTP Prairie
    - iii. Oak Knoll
  - b. This is a partnership with NWA Regional Planning as a grant for the region
  - c. This would fund land restoration, stream restoration, and paved trail projects on campus (map in slide deck)
3. Updates from Emma Armendariz, the UA's Active Transportation Coordinator
  - a. Field Trip to UA Oak Knoll
    - i. Interdisciplinary collaboration with the School of Art, Bikes + Art + Nature
    - ii. The students rode bikes from the School of Art to UA's Oak Knoll to observe and learn about the remnant prairie and think about their project based on that land

- iii. Link to the full newswire about this field trip
  - b. Spring Bicycle Drive with Pedal it Forward
    - i. Bike drive happening this May that will allow outgoing students to donate their bikes, which will go back to Pedal It Forward who will fix them up and give them back to UA students who need a bike free of charge
  - c. Bike Friendly Driver training and education
    - i. This is now officially available on the FAMA training website, with plans to make it a campus wide initiative
- 4. P4 Sustainability Summit 2024
  - a. This Friday from 9-4PM in WJWH
    - i. 5 panel discussions from local experts on topics of sustainability
    - ii. Register on Eventbrite
- 5. Earth Week
  - a. Mullins Creek Cleanup on Friday April 19<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Trail Cleanup at Marion Orton Recycling Center on Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup> 9-12:30
  - c. Mayor Proclamation and Tree Giveaway on the Razorback Greenway adjacent to the Marion Orton Recycling Center on April 20<sup>th</sup> 12-2 pm
  - d. On Monday April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 11:30-1 There will be tables and displays set up focused on sustainable design and materials in Vol Walker Hall's second floor gallery
  - e. Recycling Truck unveiling on Monday April 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - f. Sustainability Minor Poster Presentations Thursday April 25<sup>th</sup>
  - g. Future Earth Festival and 10<sup>th</sup> annual Bike Fest April 25<sup>th</sup> @ Union Mall (Todd Hansen)
  - h. Trail Cleanup at Lake Fayetteville Marina on Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> 9-11:30
  - i. Sustainability Night Market on Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:30pm
- 6. Campus Community Garden conversation is starting again
  - a. How do we want to support this?
    - i. General interest, topic for future discussion
- 7. Good-of-the-Order
- 8. Next meeting is September 10th