

UofL Sustainability Council
January 28, 2026 Minutes

Attendees: Brent Fryrear (Chair), Justin Mog, Cat Aiton, Emma Beck, Sherri Brown (CEHD rep), Mary Brydon-Miller, Mo Early, Adam Hall (Dental rep), Sammie Holmes, Terri Holtze, Andrew Hovekamp, Kelsey Johnson, Jen Jones, Katina Kulow, Tyler Mahoney, Andrew Meiners, Eli Mudd, Tony Piedmonte, Lauren Anderson, Andrew McClung, Tami Harbolt, Brian Barnes, Debra Anderson

One Green Thing Introductions – what do you want to do in 2026:

- Brent – Trying to compost food scraps more instead of sending down drain.
- Cat – Got new electric toothbrushes with replaceable, compostable heads
- Emma – Trying to support more local businesses, including her friend who started [Rooted Solutions](#)
- Sherri – Wants to learn more about other sustainable practices
- Mary – Plans to work with middle schoolers on climate change education
- Mo – Not driving and avoiding online shopping/shipping
- Adam – Plans to do lots of little things, like switching to reusable paper towels, rechargeable batteries for son's toys, sealing air gaps around the house.
- Sammie - Senior Program Coordinator for the Department of Classical and Modern Languages. Working to expand her garden and her homestead along with "naturalizing" front yard into original Kentucky wildflowers and grasses instead of a manicured lawn.
- Terri – In a new home this year, so her goal is to convert lawn into wildflower meadow and set up composting.
- Andrew Hovekamp – Removing lawn and planting around his baby oak tree.
- Kelsey – New Marketing & Sustainability Coordinator for Dining. Trying to get her household to switch from disposables
- Jen – Works in Academic Planning & Accountability. Switching from dryer sheets to wool balls.
- Katina – Planning to reduce reliance on Amazon and Target and shop more local or second hand, and just buy less stuff!
- Tyler – In the process of moving and instead of buying new boxes, she's getting used ones from colleague.
- Andrew Meiners – From Political Science. Trying to take public transit or walk – hasn't driven to work yet in 2026!
- Justin – Keeping the thermostat low and staying warm by shoveling, x-country skiing, and biking in the snow! Wants to: Fully replace his lawn with natives; Finish the STARS Report, revive the Pedal with the Provost, and gain formal approval of the Bottled Water Phase Out Plan!
- Eli – His household produces about four buckets of compost a month for the Louisville Compost Co-op and he's been helping other households start that, too; he'd also like to move closer to campus so he can bike and walk.
- Tony – Wants to read more about sustainability (either fiction or non-fiction)
- Lauren – Trying to reduce food waste and creatively reuse leftovers

Committee Updates:

Operations (Sajid Mian)

- Sajid's team has been doing tons of work around snow and ice removal. One challenge has been vehicles left in lots and trying to plow around them. As soon as we get our sidewalks and entrances cleared, the city's plows pass and push snow back onto them! We're also concerned about losing

power as LG&E reaches peak seasonal load (so please help conserve energy!). We also had a pipe burst in Unitas that effected 20 rooms.

- Eli: [KYTC has moved from calcium chloride to a beet juice derivative](#) – will UofL follow suit? Sajid: We'd like to look into that for next year – we purchase our salt far in advance.
- Eli: What are the plans for redevelopment of property we've recently acquired along 4th Street where the mall was? No one has heard anything, but there are discussions going on at the level of the President and CFO.
- Operations meets on first Tuesdays of every month at 2pm in person, alternating between SAC W107 and on-site for tours. Our next meeting is at 2pm on Tuesday 2/3 when we will tour energy efficiency upgrades at the Chemistry building. The committee last met on 1/13 and discussed:
 - Trane Intelligence Services presentation (Laurel & Luke):
 - One of the things they've been doing for us is to track our utilities data and tell the story of efficiency and sustainability.
 - They are doing this by tracking our EUI = Energy Usage Intensity (how much energy we use per square foot). Belknap Campus EUI peaked in December 2021 (just after the pandemic, when we were bringing in a lot of additional fresh air) and has since gone back down to the lowest they've ever been (i.e. 2020 pandemic levels).
 - This is due to all the efficiency improvements we've made, including heat-recovery chillers (which also help with humidity).
 - Compared to 2023 baseline, our EUI is about 40% less = cost avoidance! From Jan 2024 – Nov 2025), we saved \$933,847 and 5982.6 MTCO₂e (= 99,000 trees grown for 10 years, 1247 homes electricity use).
 - These savings happened because of improvements at JB Speed, Natural Science, Gottschalk, Music, Law School, etc. These renovations included a wide variety of things: Lighting, Reflective Roofs, HVAC, insulation, windows, variable speed direct drive fan motors, building controls (to better control temperatures).
 - These changes also make buildings more comfortable and improve Indoor Air Quality (with MERV 13 filters on all renovated buildings).
 - They are also tracking our projected savings from the Belknap Central Steam & Chilled Water Plant, including the first thermal storage system on a Kentucky campus! This will provide some redundancy and help us avoid high demand charges from 1-7pm.
 - They've installed submeters at about a dozen Belknap buildings to track building-level data, too. And that data will be available on building dashboard systems.
 - Central steam may be less efficient than local lower-temp hot water boilers because of losses in energy between buildings. But centralized systems do have efficiency of scale and are easier to maintain and manage.
 - Included buildings were 3rd St to Floyd St and Speed School to Cardinal. So it's missing a lot of Housing/Student Life/Greek Row. And HSC Campus is a different beast on a shared plant that is three times as large – though they are also doing efficiency improvements there, and they are providing steam and chilled water at very reasonable rates.
 - New HSC building will be stand-alone with advanced aquifer heat-exchanger geothermal. It'll have an EUI of 40 vs. our Belknap baseline around 110.
 - The new hospital expansion has some efficiency measures like heat-recovery and chilled-beams similar to our new Engineering building.
 - Biology (Jeff Masters): He's leaving to go talk to the crew working on Life Sciences to make sure our native plant garden is not fenced off.

- Facilities:
 - Bashera: Working on more electrical upgrades on several buildings and upgrading all exterior lighting to LEDs. Also doing some ADA upgrades.
 - Kevin: Sajid has shared a \$300k grant application for a solar project for Ekstrom Library (which has a new roof) – and he'd like some help writing the justification. Justin and Jacek may be able to help – we have until April 30th. Will base the design on the BAB array (though that is not working at full capacity and they are looking into it).
- DEHS (Cathy):
 - The Life Sciences lab relocations were actually very helpful because it gave them an opportunity to review and clean out their chemical supplies. It was a good clean-out!
 - Used lamps are regulated waste and her team is finding them in the landfill waste stream. If contractors aren't taking them away for recycling on their own, they need to contact DEHS for handling (or they need to provide us a certificate of recycling). She has sent UPDC project managers the list of items that need to be handled specially. She'll make a point of visiting the PP Renovations monthly meetings, too.
- Provost's Office (Justin Mog):
 - Submitted our Tree Campus Higher Education application for 2025 recognition. Struggled to get all of the tree planting/removal data with the transition in Grounds leadership.
 - Bicycle Friendly University: UofL has been recertified at the Silver level (2025-29). The League of American Bicyclists sent us a detailed feedback report with lots of ideas for improvement over the next four years that could push us toward Gold. Justin would like to reconvene the UofL Bicycle Advisory Committee this spring to begin making plans. Four BFU signs have been ordered for our main campus entrances.

Education & Research (Tyler Mahoney)

- E&R meets on third Fridays at 2pm on Teams. Our next meeting is 2/20. E&R last met on 1/16 and discussed:
 - Engaged Scholarship Symposium: 1/21 is the deadline for proposals.
 - Masters' in Sustainability: The group spent a significant amount of time discussing our commitment to restarting the master's degree. We agree that as program faculty, we should be fully engaged in the process. Our next step will be to bring these concerns to the full Sustainability Council. A copy of the original program design was distributed to the committee for review. We discussed the need to focus the program and to address administrative concerns regarding funding.
 - What does the Council think should be next steps?
 - Eli wonders if it would be more physical science or social science focused? Tyler: Ideally, it should educate equally about both – but that's yet to be determined and any focus might be a result of where it is housed. They'd like to make sure lots of voices are included in the planning. Brent: UofL has an opportunity to give the degree an urban focus.
 - Justin had started drafting an email to Cara Cashon to ask why no meetings have been scheduled since last March. If A&S wants to own it, that's great, but they need to set up regular meetings to keep it moving. Mary's been in touch with Cara and hasn't heard back – we know she's busy.
 - Eli: What's the possibility of forming a Sustainability Department? We all love that idea, too, but it would definitely require an influx of new funding.
 - Eli: Now that sustainability is a part of our Vision and Principles statement in the [new strategic plan](#), this could be a great time to push for
- Sustainability Research: We discussed strategies for seeking funding that support on-going faculty research interests. Mark now leads the Conn Center for Renewable Energy Research and discussed

collaborations with the Envirome Institute. We agreed to gather data about current faculty research interests in order to help us seek research funding and to inform the redesign of the master's program. Tyler and Mary will put together a brief survey to be distributed to E&R committee members.

Planning & Administration (Pat Smith)

- P&A has not met since our last Council meeting and will hold its first meeting of the year on 2/3 at 10am on Teams.
- We were thrilled to see the relaunch of the P&A subcommittee: Committee on Investor Responsibility, which first met on 1/22 under the helm of a new Chair from the UofL Foundation, Chris Montgomery. Details below.

Engagement (Brian Barnes)

- The committee has not met since our last Council meeting and will hold its first meeting of the year on Friday. It meets during the academic year at 11am on last Fridays before EcoReps Workshops.
- Our next meeting will be Friday 1/30 at 11am at the Center for Belonging, Access & Engagement (as well as on Teams), just prior to our noon [EcoReps Lunch & Learn Workshop: Using AI to Reclaim Our Humanity](#).
- Bombas: Patty Payette has successfully led the charge to distribute all of our 2025 sock delivery. She has secured the delivery of another 10,000 pairs of socks in summer 2026.
- Green Office Certification & Staff Sustainability Ambassadors: Brian, Patty & Justin have co-developed and finalized a checklist and point system and three levels of certification (1, 2, or 3 leaves depending on what percentage of the points your office achieves). We're developing stickers for office doors that they'll earn through certification. We are launching the pilot program with an Orientation on Friday 2/6 at 10:30am on Teams. [UofL launches Green Office Certification and Sustainability Ambassadors pilot program](#)
 - Please review our draft and send any feedback: [Green Certification description & checklist draft 112525.docx](#)
- Ecolympics 2026 : Will run for 8 weeks around dates of CR2ZW (Feb. 1 – March 28).
 - Please send any ideas for engagement to Justin for promotion during Ecolympics.
 - We also need 8 weekly prize baskets, so please help us ask around at local businesses or organizations.
 - We will also do our month-long E-waste Drive. **Feb. 11 - March 11**, with collection points at **BAB** (1st floor lobby), **SAC W310**, **Duthie Center at Speed School of Engineering** (1st floor Study Area, SE corner), **HSC Kornhauser Library** (1st floor lobby behind elevators); and a special **Drive-up Drop-off Collection on Thursday Feb. 26th, 8am-11am** on the south side of the Clinical & Translational Research Building at HSC (505 S Hancock St.), by the elevators for the 620 Garage.
- **Spring 2026 Eco-Reps Workshop Series**
All are welcome to join us monthly at **noon on last Fridays**, in-person in the Center for Belonging, Access & Engagement (Belknap Village North room 176) or virtually via [Microsoft Teams Meeting Jan. 30 - Using AI to Reclaim Our Humanity](#)
[Feb. 27 - Mycology](#)
[Mar. 27 - TBA](#)
[Apr. 17 - UofL Maple Syrup & Honey Pancake Party](#) (Location TBA)

Athletics (Andrew McClung)

- Have a meeting with Tri-Arrows Aluminum coming up soon to review the year and think about ways to improve collections in 2026. Every home game they had at least 8 yds of cans collected.
- All vendors are now in the habit of returning monthly to take and reuse their wooden pallets.
- Just announced a \$2M LED stadium lighting upgrade before the football season begins. It'll significantly reduce energy use and also allow for the flashing of colors!
- Indoor facility, Trager, has halogen bulbs and if there were funds, he'd love to replace those with LEDs.

Dining (Kelsey Johnson)

- No number updates yet on OZZI reusable containers, but she's working on a report.
- Feb. 5th event planned in the SAC around sustainable meal-prepping.

Students (Mo Morgan)

- Student Sustainability Coalition: Working to transfer powers to Rose who is interested in taking over leadership.

Sustainability in the media

- Dec/Jan are always slow for OCM, but there is a blurb on p. 12 of the new alumni magazine about sustainability.
- OCM will be sharing "Toast the Tap" photo with Provost at new bottle filling station in Grawemeyer.
- OCM would love to cover Athletics sustainability initiatives
- The following UofL Sustainability stories were released since our last meeting:

[**Interview: Dr. Natasha DeJarnett on History & Science**](#) (Sustainability Now!, Forward Radio WFMP 106.5fm, Jan. 26, 2026)

[**UofL launches Green Office Certification and Sustainability Ambassadors pilot program**](#) (UofL Sustainability News, Jan. 23, 2026)

[**UofL launches Fix-A-Bike, Get-A-Bike Program**](#) (UofL Sustainability News, Jan. 14, 2026)

[**UofL retains status as Carnegie Community Engagement university**](#) (UofL News, Jan. 12, 2026)

[**Tips for a happy Veganuary at UofL!**](#) (UofL Sustainability News, Jan. 8, 2026)

Housing

- No reps present, but Justin shared that our Ecology & Sustainability Themed Community has been approved (and is currently accepting applications) for 2026-27. Justin also has a meeting setup on Friday with Catherine Wibbels about Ecolympics (we were able to get the first meter readings yesterday to begin the baseline period for our 3-week dorm-based energy conservation competition) and to start planning for Trash-to-Treasure move-out collections.

Bottled water phase out committee (Brent Fryrear and Justin Mog)

- Brent has set up monthly meetings through June for first Fridays at 10:15am on Teams.

- On Friday, Justin had a “Toast The Tap” photo-shoot with the Provost at the new filling station in Grawemeyer Hall!



- The Provost’s funding has also been used to install new filling stations at: CTR 1st floor; School of Medicine Research Tower (A Building) 7th floor; and installations at Shumaker - floor 1 and Ekstrom floor 1 west side are still in-process. We are saving money using in-house plumbers and carpenters, so we should have funds left over this FY for additional fillers and we have prioritized: Red Barn, SAC 2nd floor east, Chemistry 2nd floor, Founder's Union 2nd floor, Lion's Eye, and HSC Gym.
- We did not receive the grant we applied for from the Snowy Owl foundation to cover the costs of launching a Fill It Forward campaign with QR code stickers and an app to encourage reuse.
- When Katie Cardarelli was named as permanent Provost, the Louisville Cardinal reporter who covered the Bottled Water Phase Out Plan immediately inquired if that might change her stance with respect to the Pepsi contract. We are wondering the same thing.

Staff Sustainability Training (Brian Barnes and Justin Mog)

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Committee on Investor Responsibility (Justin Mog)

- After a year and a half in limbo without leadership, the Committee on Investor Responsibility relaunched last week on 1/22, with a first meeting under the helm of a new Chair from the UofL Foundation (ULF), Chris Montgomery. The focus was a presentation by ULF’s contracted CIO, Prime Buchholz:

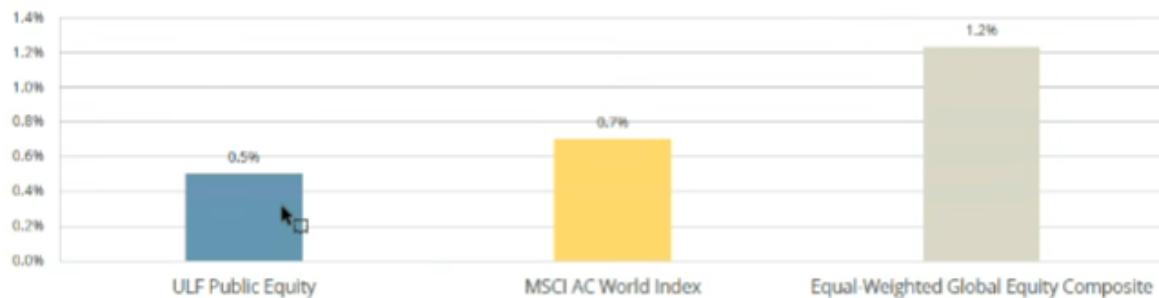
- Attendees: Chris Montgomery (Chair), Justin Mog, Nick Paliewicz, Xudong Fu, Hannah Pryor, Per Fredriksson, Keith Sherman
- Guest: Greg DeSisto (Prime Buchholz)
- Chris: He works for ULF, which does not have an internal investment manager, which is why we contract with Prime Buchholz and we're glad to have Greg to present.
- Greg: Prime is the outsourced CIO for the ULF, which works with ULF's Finance Committee, subject to Board approval, to develop an investment strategy. They have a mandate to maintain the university's purchasing power (i.e. at least keep up with inflation). They do not have an explicit mandate about exclusionary screens (there are no explicit negative screens in the portfolio), but they do have a mandate to invest in line with the university's values.
- Prime was founded in 1988 by two men who came out of a higher education background. The firm has over 36 years of experience working with about 250 institutional clients. They are employee-owned, with \$82B in total assets under management (mid-market).
- Prime assists with Mission-Aligned Investing. Started with a tobacco-free mandate back in 1988. Prime is a founding member of the Intentional Endowment Network and the Diversity Workforce Coalition. PRI signatories since 2015. About \$8B of \$80B is invested in Mission-Aligned strategies.
- PB Proprietary ESG Rating: Prime does ESG scoring and started their own internal ranking system about a decade ago – they survey for ESG and DEI practices.
- They wrestle with definitions of sustainability – e.g. Tesla is rated by some as the most sustainable manufacturer (just measuring just tailpipe emissions), while others rank it as the worst (based on emissions from manufacturing).
 - SRI (e.g. tobacco or weapons free) vs ESG (e.g. corporate governance, safe/fair practices, etc.) vs Impact Investing (e.g. place-based investing, gender lens investing, venture impact fund)
- ULF distributes a little over 4% per year to UofL to continue to support all the programs, scholarships, research the university relies on.
- For ULF, they seek to fulfill fiduciary responsibilities to minimize risk and generate stable returns.
- Prime assess both: 1. Manager Level Detail (PB Proprietary ESG Rating; Diversity – Women and Minority Representation in ownership, senior management, and investment team; and UNPRI Signatory Status); and 2. Holdings-Based Exposure (fossil fuels, alcohol, gaming, tobacco, weapons, other).
- Current ULF Holdings have **relatively less carbon intensity** (\$107.2 metric tons CO2 / \$MM Revenue vs. \$115.5 for the MSCI AC World Index) and **less exposure to World's Highest Emitting Companies**

(0.5% vs. 0.7% for the MSCI AC World Index):

Equity Portfolio Comparison

Prime
BUCHHOLZ

Exposure to World's Highest Emitting Companies



Weighted Average Carbon Intensity



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- Greg's going to visit ULF in person next week and he'll be picking the lower carbon flight option because Prime is a UNPRI Signatory – a voluntary commitment to consider sustainability in daily practices.
- What can we share in terms of a snapshot of our holdings: For public securities, Prime runs quarterly reports and it's just a question of ULF policy as to what to share.
- Xudong: The issue of coal has been brought up often, especially here in Kentucky. How does Prime address this? Greg: We don't have exclusive screens, but the active managers generally avoid coal because of the risks and unsustainability. Where we tend to see coal and fossil fuel investments are in the Index funds. We have about 35-40% less investment in fossil fuels than is typical. Keith: Regardless of the fact that we are in "coal country," we don't actively seek to invest in fossil fuels – it does not align with our investment strategy.
- Chris: He'll circulate notes from today as well as a copy of Greg's presentation. He'll try to get a date set for the next quarterly meeting with plenty of warning and will try to circulate a draft agenda going forward.
- Students have been organizing around divestment from Israel and did hold a silent protest at Foundation Board meeting. Endowment has limited exposed to weapons manufacturers through index funds – there's no direct investment. Chris attends Investment Committee meetings for ULF and some of these topics are discussed – there has been an effort to keep a handle on what we're invested in, but the Board generally seeks to maximize returns, so Mission-Aligned concerns typically only come up as a secondary concern balancing options with fairly equal returns.

- ULF has basically no direct investments in any specific company – the managers are empowered to select companies to invest in. Prime would not recommend any manager that has high exposure to things like fossil fuels and weapons...but there are not enough managers that are willing to be 100% free from such things.
- Most of our exposure is through Index Funds, which are not the focus of our investments, but just sort of add-ons that managers use to put surplus capital to work for us. Xudong thinks that's a good idea.
- Justin: Why is it that ULF doesn't use any negative screens? Chris is not sure, other than a desire to have complete flexibility.

Sustainable Transportation Committee coming soon

- The subcommittee of Operations focused on Sustainable Transportation has also been on hiatus without leadership since 2019. However, the Provost has just approved a request by the Ad Hoc Student, Staff and Faculty TARC Service Continuity Committee (which has been meeting since March 2025 in response to the changes in TARC access) to formally incorporate under the Council as the Sustainable Transportation Committee beginning in July under the leadership of Chair Anita Hall. The approved proposal read:
- **History**
From 2011-2019, an active Sustainable Transportation Committee existed under the aegis of the Sustainability Council, which met monthly and reported to the Sustainable Operations Committee. Its purpose was “to assess, recommend and evaluate options for reducing reliance on the automobile, minimizing fuel use and pollution, and decreasing the number of vehicle miles traveled to/from/around campus.” Consequently, it was actively engaged in developing and managing all of our sustainable transportation initiatives, some of which remain in operation, for instance: cost free public transit services, the Cardinal Directions carpool-matching platform, UofL Bikeshare, UofL’s Bicycle-Friendly University silver-level certification, integration of transportation alternatives into Campus Master Planning and LEED construction projects, the Cards Commuter Challenge, Bike Month Challenge, and Cycle September.
- The Sustainable Transportation Committee last met in May 2019; it has not met since, owing to a lack of leadership following the retirement of the Chair, Bob Knaster. Following the changes in access to no-cost travel on TARC for students, staff and faculty that took place in 2025 (Cardinal Card to Phone App), the Ad Hoc Student, Staff and Faculty TARC Service Continuity Committee was initiated out of Faculty Senate and currently is comprised of members that reflect the three constituent groups of the UofL Community: Students, Staff and Faculty.
- The Ad Hoc Committee has met regularly since March 2025 and has been in direct regular communication with Gary Becker, Director of Parking Administration, regarding the continuity of TARC access. To be more effective in this capacity and to take a more comprehensive approach that would promote a functional suite of sustainable transportation alternatives for the UofL community, the Ad Hoc Committee seeks to be granted official Committee status as the reconstituted Sustainable Transportation Committee, working under the aegis of the Sustainability Council.
- **PURPOSE AND SCOPE**
- In support of the overarching goals of the Sustainability Council, the purpose of the Sustainable Transportation Committee is to reduce UofL’s environmental impact, strengthen the local economy and improve the health and well-being of the UofL Community through informed assessment, recommendation and evaluation of options for sustainable transportation. The maintenance of cost-free access to city-wide TARC service is a key element in its goals.

- **OBJECTIVES**
- To develop effective transportation options for the UofL community which will encourage reduced reliance on the automobile by:
 - working for the maintenance of cost-free access to city-wide TARC service
 - working in an advisory capacity with Gary Becker, Director of Parking Administration, with recommendations for maintaining TARC service despite rising annual costs
 - identifying and implementing transportation alternatives that will relieve traffic congestion and the demand for car parking on campus, including increased carpooling, public transportation, walking, biking and remote work/learning
 - providing budgetary recommendations on the implementation of these alternatives, supported by research on benchmark university transportation programs
- These initiatives will: increase student access to a UofL education, reduce costs for students and employees, help improve the health and well-being of the UofL community, reduce our environmental impact, make our campuses safer and more pleasant, and save money by reducing the need for the University to invest in the construction, maintenance, and oversight of future parking facilities.
- **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP** Initially, the Committee will be chaired by Anita Hall, Associate Professor, University Libraries, and will be comprised of the following members:
 - Gary Becker, Director of Parking Administration
 - Kyle Cook, Graduate Research Assistant, SGA Graduate Representative
 - Donald Dean, Staff, University Libraries
 - Cecilia Durbin, Staff, University Libraries
 - Brent Fryrear, Director of Partnership for a Green City
 - Erin Heakin, Associate Director, Student Success, VP of Student Affairs
 - Anna Hernandez, Undergraduate Student, SGA Representative
 - Rachel Howard, Associate Professor, University Libraries, Faculty Senator
 - Justin Mog, Assistant to Provost for Sustainability Initiatives
 - Eli Mudd, Undergraduate Student and Facilities Maintenance Staff
 - Natalie C. Polzer, Associate Professor, Arts and Sciences, Faculty Senator
 - Dave Roelfs, Associate Professor, Arts and Sciences, Faculty Senator
 - Victoria Trezona, Instructor Term, University Libraries (HSC)
 - Atticus Yarbrough, Undergraduate Student
- After the official establishment of the Committee, a call will go out to Faculty Senate, Staff Senate and the Sustainability Council for more members. Student representation from the Graduate Council and the SGA will be maintained.
- **MEETINGS AND AGENDA** Regular meetings will be held once a month at a time to be determined by the Chair, following the establishment of the permanent Committee. A request for agenda items will be sent to each Committee member at least one week prior to the regular meeting. The Committee Chair may cancel or reschedule regular meetings when necessary, and special or emergency meetings may be called by the Committee Chair.

Announcements

- Tami: Pet Resource Day is coming up on Feb. 12th at the Red Barn! The Council will have a table. Art will have a whole gallery of pet related art there. There will be therapy dogs. The purpose of the Day is to encourage more research and education around animals.
- Brian: Climate Chaos (book) by John Gilderbloom presentation in Ekstrom Library Chao Auditorium THIS Friday at noon. There is also a presentation of an upcoming film of the book, Climate of Hope.

- Sustainability Roundtable continues this spring:
[**Sustainability Roundtable: Racial Justice in American Land Use**](#)
Friday, Feb. 20th, Noon-1pm, [Microsoft Teams](#)
[**Sustainability Roundtable: Environment and Public Health – Envirome Projects**](#)
Friday, March 20th, noon-1pm, [Microsoft Teams](#)
- Next meeting is February 25, 2026 at 10am on Teams.