

TO: Faculty Senate

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DATE: Monday, February 3, 2025

SUBJECT: January Sustainability Council Meeting held January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025

The meeting began with “One Green Thing” introductions. Efforts included installing a new 99% efficient furnace, switching from plastic to glass lunch containers, replacing home insulation, choosing to invest in more sustainable equities, and minimizing use of ice-melter salt.

There has been ongoing work in the areas of education and planning and administration. Related to the area of operations, the UofL Sustainability Council submitted to the Provost a proposal detailing a Bottled Water Phase-Out Plan. Efforts to phase out bottled water will begin by investigating the cost of adding at least one bottle-filler to each campus building. The Committee recognized that Aramark is currently working to reduce, though not eliminate, sales of bottled water on campus. Athletics is amenable to working to become less reliant on bottled water. The Committee recommended a phased implementation of their plan, which emphasizes the installation of bottle filler stations.

UofL will be hosting the Beyond Waste Summit 2025 on Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. As part of this summit, students practice planning campus sustainability projects.

Ecolympics 2025 runs February 2<sup>nd</sup> – March 29<sup>th</sup>. This annual competition among North American universities emphasizes efforts to reduce, reuse, and recycle. We will all have an opportunity to recycle our e-waste February 12<sup>th</sup> – March 12<sup>th</sup> with collection points set up in the BAB (1<sup>st</sup> floor lobby), SAC W310, the Duthie Center at Speed School of Engineering (1<sup>st</sup> floor study area, SE corner), and HSC Kornhauser Library (1<sup>st</sup> floor lobby behind elevators). There will also be a special drive-up drop-off collection on Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> on the south side of the Clinical & Translational Research Building at HSC (505 S Hancock St.) by the elevators for the 620 Garage.