

TO: Faculty Senate

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SUBJECT: Sustainability Council meeting held January 31, 2024

The meeting began with the usual “One Green Dream” introductions. Efforts included going paperless with note-taking using a new tablet, helping children reduce use of paper, setting up a hydroponic garden, and reducing purchases by emphasizing second-hand opportunities. If any faculty senators would like to share with me their efforts, I’ll be happy to pass them on to the Sustainability Council!

Breaking news: President Schatzel has re-signed UofL to the [Climate Leadership Commitment](#).

In the area of Education and Outreach, the Council was notified of two anti-DEI bills currently before the KY General Assembly (KY SB6 and HB9). Passage of these bills would impact UofL.

In the area of Planning and Administration, the Council received a report on sustainable investing by James Lechleiter (chair of the Committee on Investor Responsibility). The report focused on choices made by [Prime Buchholz](#) (the company that directs UofL Foundation funds). Prime Buchholz is employee-owned, [certified B corp](#) (commitment to social and environmental performance, legal commitment to accountability to stakeholders, and transparency with regard to meeting B corp standards). The UofL Foundation has no direct investments in fossil fuels, tobacco, liquor, gaming, or weapons. There is a page on the [Sustainability website](#) summarizing UofL investments.

In the area of Engagement, [Ecolympics 2024](#) runs from January 28th to March 23rd, and includes the [Campus Race to Zero Waste!](#) Competition. As part of the Ecolympics 2024, there will be opportunities to recycle e-waste, with collection points available during February 14th to March 13th set up in the following locations: BAB (1st floor lobby), SAC W310, Duthie Center at Speed School of Engineering (1st floor study area, SE corner), and the Kornhauser Library (1st floor lobby behind elevators). There will be a special collection on Monday, March 4 from 8-noon outside of the CTR Building (505 S Hancock St.) for large electronic items. Additionally, between February 5th and 25th, there is a competition called Residence Hall Drawdown! between residence halls to reduce use of electricity (interested fans can see current results on UofL’s [Building Dashboard](#)). There are weekly prizes through the eight weeks of Ecolympics and a grand prize for the individual Card that takes the most sustainable actions during the period. Submit your efforts through the [Ecolympics form](#).

Finally, University Planning, Design, and Construction is looking for public input regarding improvements to Stansbury Park (west of 3rd Street in the south west corner of Belknap campus). Here is a link to the [Stansbury Park survey](#).