

TO: Faculty Senate

FROM: Christopher Tillquist, representative to the Sustainability Council

DATE: Wednesday, April 2nd, 2025

SUBJECT: Sustainability Council Meeting held March 26th, 2025

The meeting began with “One Green Thing” introductions, and included turning off home heat for the season, reducing food waste, and harvesting finished compost.

Plans are underway to create a Biological Field Station in the [Horner Bird & Wildlife Sanctuary](#). This 85-hectare (210 acres) reserve near Crestwood, Kentucky is owned by UofL. Activities on the site are managed by a group of UofL faculty and staff; a focus of the group is to increase the use of the sanctuary for research and education. As part of UofL, carbon sequestration happening at the Horner Sanctuary is included in our annual carbon emissions report and UofL’s plan for carbon neutrality.

In the Campus Race to Zero Waste competition, week seven results put UofL second among 71 participating campuses in the competition for diversion (combination of recycling, trash, organics, etc.); we are in the lead for large universities. Final results will be available in April.

This month, I’d like to highlight the sustainability efforts of Athletics. Over the last thirty days, Athletics has recycled a 30-yard dumpster full of metal, continued to recycle 16 yards of cardboard with football each week, collected and recycled organic waste from softball and baseball stadiums, and donated 200 pairs of used cleats to a nonprofit that reissues the cleats to local high school football programs. Go Cards!