

TO: Faculty Senate

FROM: Christopher Tillquist, representative to the Sustainability Council

DATE: Wednesday, May 1, 2024

SUBJECT: Sustainability Council meeting held April 24th, 2024

The meeting began with the usual “One Green Dream” introductions. Efforts included committing to going plastic-free for Earth Month, using refillable metal bottle, and starting a hydroponics system at home. If any faculty senators would like to share with me their efforts, I’ll be happy to pass them on to the Sustainability Council!

In the area of Operations, the state approved \$43M for each of the next two fiscal years to invest in deferred maintenance, including the Belknap Central Steam and Chilled Water Plant with plans to make it the state’s most efficient central plant.

In the area of Engagement, the Community Composting Project is growing like gangbusters. Interested folks may consult the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/UofLCommunityCompostingProject/>. The Sustainability Council encourages use of bicycles for commuting, shopping, and fun! May is a fine month for participating in the [Bike Month Challenge](#). The Sustainability Council will be hosting Sustainability Breakout Sessions at all Freshmen Orientation sessions May 23 – July 9 & Aug. 1. The Ecolympics concluded on March 23rd and Associate Professor Rachel Singel (Art and Art Design) was name UofL’s Grand Prize [Ecolympian](#).

The official [2022 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Report](#) is now available on the Sustainability website.

The majority of the meeting was taken up by a report on the STARS 3.0 Update and specific reporting changes therein.