

TO: Faculty Senate

FROM: Christopher Tillquist, representative to the Sustainability Council

DATE: Wednesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

SUBJECT: Sustainability Council Meeting held June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025

The meeting began with “One Green Thing” introductions. Individual efforts of sustainable practices included not using air conditioning (even during these sweltering times!) and traveling using public transit.

The Council heard a presentation on possible use of the land at the corner of Cardinal Boulevard and 4<sup>th</sup> Street advocating for the creation of an oasis park.

Prof. Natalie Polzer (representative from the ad hoc TARC Service Continuity Committee) reviewed the most recent debates regarding the issue. Initially, the conversation in the Council centered around ensuring that members of the University community had access during the summer. As the conversation evolved, a suggestion was made to re-establish the Sustainability Council’s Transportation Committee.

The working group advocating for reduced bottled water usage on campus is waiting for a response from the administration regarding an updated budget request.

The Sustainability Council continues to hold Sustainability Breakout Sessions for all summer orientations for incoming students.

Sustainability efforts continue to be featured in the media. Confer below a sample of recent publicity:

Interview:

[Dr. Luz Huntington-Moskos, UofL’s Center for Integrative Environmental Health Sciences](#) (Sustainability Now!, Forward Radio, 106.5fm, June 16, 2025)

[UofL & partners urge action to address threats to the Ohio River Basin](#) (UofL News, June 6, 2025)

[Team UofL pedals over 6,600 miles on 496 rides during the Bike Month Challenge!](#) (UofL Sustainability News, June 4, 2025)

[Opportunity knocks: UofL recognized nationally as a leader in student success](#) (UofL News, May 8, 2025)