

TO: Faculty Senate

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DATE: Wednesday, September 3rd, 2025

SUBJECT: Sustainability Council Meeting held August 27th, 2025

The meeting began with “One Green Thing” introductions. Individual efforts of sustainable practices included harvesting produce from home gardens, replacing a gas-powered mower with an electric mower, riding the bus, and turning off the a/c and opening windows.

In the area of Operations, the University is in the midst of a multi-year Chilled Water Plant upgrade to improve energy efficiency and feedback/controls campus-wide.

August was a busy month for the Council; here is an abridged list of August activities as well as alerts for September:

- The Sustainability Council is making a push to get re-certified as a Bicycle-Friendly Campus.
- Members of the Sustainability Council attended sessions of Freshman Orientation this summer to spread the word about sustainability efforts on campus.
- UofL Community Composting Volunteer Day (Aug. 16th)
- Sustainable Louisville Bike Tour (Aug. 17th)
- Cards Commuter Challenge 2025 (Aug. 25th-30th)
- [Cycle September 2025](#)
- [HRTalks Wellness: Move Sustainably](#)
- 2025 [Green Threads](#) Faculty Workshop
- Record number of applicants for the [Kroger Zero Hunger | Zero](#) Waste Scholarship
- The Free Store has been moved to a new space: Honors House Room 108
- Louisville Metro is participating in [Parking Day 2025](#) (the day on which the world re-purposes curbside parking spaces into social spaces)
- EcoReps Workshops Lunch & Learn workshops will be held on the last Friday of each month at the Center for Belonging, Access & Engagement
- Bottled water update: request for installing filling stations on all three campuses to provide basic coverage has been submitted to upper administration