



# President's Sustainability Advisory Committee

December 15, 2016

Attending: Mary Vosevich, Lee Meyer, Britney Thompson, Shane Tedder, Mari Long, Esther Moberly, Whitney Harder, Rebecca McCulley, Krista Jacobsen, Bob Kjelland, Ben Troupe.

## Minutes

- Co-Chairs call meeting to order
- Approval of 11/10/2016 Minutes
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Commitment
  - Mary Vosevich notified the group that the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Commitment was signed and official. She thanked the group on behalf of the administration for the persistence and thoughtful effort put into the development of the commitment. UKnow made the commitment public last Friday with this story: <http://uknow.uky.edu/campus-news/uk-continues-progress-greenhouse-gas-emissions-reductions>
  - There is a webpage on the UK Sustainability site dedicated to the commitment. This is where progress toward the goal will be posted and archived. <http://www.uky.edu/sustainability/greenhouse-gas-emissions-reduction-commitment>
- Revisions to AR 6:8
  - Committee discussed revisions to AR that were prepared by Courtney, Krista, Ernie and Shane. Minor changes to charge were reviewed though not approved. Majority of discussion focused on the proposed changes to the composition. Group voted to send the draft back to committee for additional review. A separate email will be sent inviting participation in that discussion early in 2017 with the hope of bringing a fresh draft to the group by the January 12 meeting. Current draft is below for review.
- Sustainability Challenge Grant Update
  - Six projects were awarded \$200,000 in funding at the annual Sustainability Forum on December 1. <http://www.uky.edu/sustainability/sustainability-challenge-grants>
- Sustainability Strategic Plan
  - Goal is to produce a draft plan by the end of the spring semester to guide the University's efforts and investments relative to sustainability in campus operations and planning for the next 5 years.

- Currently six strategy teams are preparing a list of potential tactics for each of these areas:

1. Air and Climate
2. Energy
3. Transportation
4. Dining Services
5. Materials Management
6. Building and Grounds

These tactics lists should be complete in mid-January. Campus outreach will be coordinated with UK PR to solicit broad feedback on which tactics should be included in the 2017-2022 plan.

- UK HealthCare Sustainability Steering Committee
  - UK Recycling continues to roll out expanded recycling in UK HealthCare facilities.
  - Group is planning a Sustainability Outreach effort/fair in April 2017
  - Group is also actively evaluating alternatives to Styrofoam to go containers.
  - Group is piloting alkaline battery recycling on one floor of Pavilion A that generates large numbers of batteries due to frequent mandated replacements in equipment.
  - Mary Vosevich reported that Cenergistic, UK partner in energy conservation, will also be working in UK HealthCare facilities.
- UK Dining Sustainability
  - Lauren Moore was not in attendance. No Update provided.
- Faculty Sustainability Council
  - The Provost has appointed the membership to the FSC, a webpage has been created, and the first meeting for this group is planned for early 2017.  
<http://www.uky.edu/sustainability/faculty-sustainability-council>
- Announcements
  - UK has hired a new Senior Arborist, Stacy Borden, to focus and enhance all aspects of campus tree care.
  - A new non-profit has been formed to focus on urban forestry initiatives in Lexington.
- Adjourn