

# Oct 25, 2024 | Sustainability Advisory Council Meeting

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Proposed List of Tactics for 1.4\_DRAFT\_October 10 2024.pdf

## 1. Welcome

- a. Sound & accessibility - please use the microphone
- b. Quick overview of SAC and the short version of its history
  - i. Originally an advisory council to the President - focused on completing the AASHE-STARS (sustainability) audit
  - ii. Five year evolution that led to creating SHINE
- c. Upcoming meetings
  1. Friday, November 15, 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. in Jamrich 1318
  2. Next semester - three Fridays at the same time
    - a. We'll try to have those scheduled before the next meeting

## 2. Committee Updates

- a. Strategy Team
  - Our Compass ([university strategic plan](#)) Grand Challenge #1, Strategy #4
  - Discussion about the draft of 32 [action items](#)
    - If you have any follow-up ideas or insights in the next week or so, please email Jes your feedback (ideally before Nov. 8)
    - If some action items seem more important than others or more urgent (complete over the next 18-24 months), please include that in your feedback.
- b. [Green fund](#) Committee
  - Members
    - Member list can be found on the [SAC website](#)
  - Timeline
    1. Submissions are due Nov. 17 at 11:59 p.m.
      - a. Learn more about how to submit green fund etc. [here](#)
    2. EcoReps review & rank all of the proposals first (Nov. 18-Dec.6)
    3. SAC Green Fund committee will review & rank (Dec.6-Jan.20)
    4. Announce Green Fund projects at PEAK week (Feb. 21)
  - Discussion:

- Create an option on the green fund application to sustain an existing GF project; instead of submitting new projects, allow proposers to suggest re-investment in previous projects to either continue them or expand the scope and scale of an initial project.
  - Delany Frank edited the Qualtrics form to include this option and will include it in the upcoming GF workshops.
- It was also proposed that we add a button (question) that indicates whether the submission was part of a larger class projects. Students often prepare larger projects with more research to support the proposal, but that isn't included in the GF application form currently, but could be made available afterward.
- Let's continue to reach out to different departments throughout campus; a lot of EEGS students submit proposals as part of a class assignment, there is an opportunity to get students from other disciplines/departments engaged in project submissions.

### 3. Campus Sustainability Summit 2025

- a. Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2025 - in Jamrich (second lobby area + classroom), 10-3 p.m.
  - i. Embedded within PEAK25 Week (formerly Innovation Week)
  - ii. Create opportunities for collaboration with a variety of departments
- b. Interactive displays with information about current & future projects
  - i. This is also an opportunity to highlight what's happening in the community and with many of our community partners
- c. Presentations, discussions, networking
  - i. Listening discussion (to answer campus sustainability questions)
  - ii. Student research showcase
  - iii. Town hall for relationship building between different communities on campus
  - iv. SHINE intern panel (including invitations for others to get involved, etc.)
- d. Lunch & refreshments
  - i. Composting & zero waste

### 4. Additional Committees?

- a. Does SAC need an Outreach / Summit planning committee?
  - i. Creation of Outreach Committee
    1. Planning Campus Sustainability Summit
    2. Prioritizing intersectionality within sustainability
- b. Discuss other committee suggestions from the previous meeting (e.g., academic, curriculum, research, advocacy, activism, accountability, etc.)
  - i. Attrition committee (focused on student engagement)
  - ii. Suggestion: It might be best to form committees once the strategy action items are prioritized, and then we can create committees that help to achieve specific goals

## 5. Student Group Reports

- a. EcoReps
  - i. Upcoming: Zero-Waste event Nov. 1 & 2, fall retreat at Partridge Creek Compost, continuing work on the green fund, Green Friday event Nov. 15 (reduce consumerism on Black Friday)
  - ii. Working with Ripple Effect (another student org) to facilitate an Eco-Move Out week
  - iii. Working on a proposal for a Campus Free Store (currently depends upon having space available after the Library renovation project is finished)
  - iv. Glove recycling and recycling workshop with Cosmetology program
- b. Green Athletics
  - i. Upcoming: Zero-Waste event (collaboration with EcoReps) Nov. 1, team apparel swap the following week.
- c. Northern Parulas
  - i. Working on a bird-safe / bird-friendly campus proposal

## 6. Upcoming Events / Other updates/Good of the Order

- 1. Diverting waste on campus discussion
  - a. Move-in/out weekends
    - i. Campus Free Store might be a useful solution
    - ii. Campus-wide communication/outreach to help minimize waste
- 2. Find a way for board members to communicate in between meetings effectively
  - a. Jes will set up a Mighty Networks or other platform for members.
- 3. Water is Life Festival was funded and will be hosted in winter semester, maybe to kick off Earth Week at the end of April.