

Minutes

❖ Introductions/Updates

[The State of Sustainability event](#) last week had a great turn out, many people were interested in the committee and have joined. Welcome, new committee members! **Scroll all the way down to see our new university-wide goals.**

❖ Progress of Green Purchasing Guidelines Subcommittee

- We are working to create user-friendly Green Purchasing Guidelines for ASU - we've had our second meeting and it's going very well!
- Next step: Creating a survey to send out to people who do purchasing throughout the university. Communications team has given us their blessing, and will assist us with outreach.
 - **Will need help from committee** to send out the survey to people in their departments that do purchasing.
- USP finalized their *original* purchasing guidelines, sent to Zero Waste for approval.
- Note: We are looking to make this purchasing guide project a learning opportunity for ASU students! More details to come.
- **Contact [Emmery](#) or [Sheyenne](#) to join this committee! Our next meeting is October 26th, right before the next Tempe Blue Bag sort.**

❖ [ASU A-Frame Sign Policy](#) and Sustainability Impacts - Shane Hunt

- The new policy has determined that we cannot have any generic wayfinding signage.
- Standard A-Frames can be purchased for \$60 and then there are additional costs for purchasing of sign inserts.
- Signs must have event date or time, facilities will remove if not stated. Plastic inserts are recyclable, but are they recycling?
 - This policy essentially bans the reuse of signs, which is a **sustainability issue.**
- In general, the policy needs to be clarified and hopefully reevaluated for sustainability!

- Ideas:
 - Removeable time and date on generic signage
- A few contacts to utilize: [Jaime Rense!](#) @ MECA and [PrintU](#)
- **This is now a NEW SUBCOMMITTEE! Please reach out to [Rita McGlynn](#), the subcommittee chair, and [Emmery/Sheyenne](#) to join. The date of the first meeting is TBD.**

- ❖ **Staff BBQ - Zero Waste:**
 - Since we have many projects going on, we are tabling this project for this year
 - **Green Team - [Kelsey Gaudy](#) from the Zero Waste Dept is working heavily on this project.**

- ❖ **Maya's Farm Community Supported Agriculture on Campus**
 - Follow [this link](#) for the information we have received.
 - **Send any ideas to [Emmery](#) or [Sheyenne](#) and/or [Lesley](#).**

- ❖ **Student Services Herb Garden and Blue Bag Sorting:**
 - Blue Bag Sorting Dates:
 - October 9th from 11am-12pm (Poly - Backus Mall)
 - October 25th from 11am-12pm (West - right outside of Changemaker)
 - October 26th from 12-1pm (Tempe - Behind University Services Bldg., 1422 S Jen Tilly Ln, second Bldg., they have a doorbell).
 - Please wear comfortable clothes, closed toed shoes!
 - **Contact [Katie](#) to join a Blue Bag sorting event! [Shane Hunt](#) is coordinating new dates/locations for the WEST campus.**
 - Herb Garden Work Days:
 - The herb garden is located at the North end of the Student Services Building. **To join, you can just show up!**
 - October 17th from 7-8am
 - November 14th from 7-8am
 - December 12th from 7-8am

The next Sustainability Committee meeting is November 1st at noon.

Sustainability Goals

ASU is committed to leading the world by example to a more sustainable and resilient future by:

- Achieving internal sustainability goals and related external commitments.
- Generating the solutions, education, engagement and research that empowers the world to achieve sustainability.

Circular resource system

A circular resource system achieves Zero Waste by adapting the goods we consume to maximize their use before sending them back into the economy for the most productive use possible.

Climate positive

The goal of a university is not to have the least impact possible, but rather the greatest net positive impact possible.



Optimized water

Optimizing ASU's water use involves applying a systems approach to use the right quantity and quality of water for the right purpose at the right time.

Personal action

Personal Action involves the engagement of ASU students, staff and faculty community members in individual behavior that supports sustainability goals on campus and in their personal lives.


Resilience and regeneration

With climate change already impacting our mission, operations and communities we serve, we will adapt not just for resilience in the face of greater future changes, but to regenerate our environment and our surrounding communities.

Visit cfo.asu.edu/sustainability for more information.

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Collaborative action

Collaborative action leverages the power of University departments working together to align missions, policies, processes, programs and activities for consistency with ASU sustainability goals.

Community success

As a New American University measured not by whom we exclude but rather by whom we include and how they succeed, we must embrace the diversity that charter brings to improve understanding, acceptance and wellbeing of all campus community members and, thus, broader society.

Food reconnection

Fundamental to our health, productivity and connection with nature is a strong relationship with nutritional food, knowledge of its sources and impacts on the health of our planet.