

Sustainability Committee Update

A quick note: These recommendations are thoroughly researched drafts; we are still doing consultation



Our Plan

- We divided sustainability into 3 topics
 - Environmental sustainability
 - Economic sustainability
 - Social sustainability
 - We also spent time creating an updated definition for sustainability based on current research
 - Broke it down based on tasks we needed to do / who would do it / how long it would take us to complete these tasks
 - We spent most of our time on enviro sustainability this year, next year we plan to do economic and social sustainability
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Waste Reduction

1. The Students Union should strive to use alternative packaging/ presentation solutions for its food and beverage vending operations that minimize single use plastics and eliminate unnecessary packaging/disposables.
 2. The UASU should strive to eliminate paper waste within its operations and advocate that the university does the same within both its administrative and academic operations.
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Waste Reduction

3. The UASU should undertake an energy audit of SUB.
 4. The UASU should develop its own Natural Gas use reduction strategy.
 5. The UASU should increase advocacy efforts towards the University's Facilities and Operations Department, calling on them to honour their contractual obligation to maintain SUB's base building systems.
 6. The UASU should set incremental time sensitive goals in order to achieve net zero operations ahead of Canada's 2050 targets.
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Waste Reduction

7. The UASU should call upon the University to publish updates to the Energy Reduction Plan 2017-2022 and the Sustainability Plan 2016-2020 .





Making a Sustainable Food System on Campus

1. The Students Union (SU) should conduct more research in relation to food and sustainability and should advocate for the University of Alberta (UofA) to do the same.
 2. The Students Union should create a volunteer unit focused on creating sustainable food systems
 3. The Student Union should prioritize advocacy surrounding the University of Alberta's contract with Aramark to push for its cancellation
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Making a Sustainable Food System on Campus

4. The Students Union should work towards making our existing food system as sustainable as possible by eliminating single-use products from vendors in the students union
 5. The University of Alberta Students Union should invest in the creation of waste and carbon tracking systems
 6. The Students Union should advocate for the University of Alberta to become a fair trade campus
 7. The University of Alberta Students Union should work to provide food from local sources and invest in growing food on campus
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Making a Sustainable Food System on Campus

8. The Student Union should transition to sustainable cleaning products and should advocate for the University to do the same





Green Spaces

1. The Students Union should advocate for research on the level of biodiversity on campus and the amount of native species compared to introduced species, and the development of a plan to increase biodiversity on campus.

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Green Spaces Cont'd

3. The Students Union should call on the University to monitor urban intensification, and where possible seek to mitigate it.
 4. The Students Union should call upon the university to ensure snow removal processes are efficient and sustainable.
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Green Transportation

1. The UASU should advocate for an increased amount of shared use, or multi use, pathways around the university in order to increase the use of sustainable transportation options.
 2. The UASU should advocate for the expansion of public transit routes, such as busing and light rail transit to increase the ease of use for students
 3. The UASU should advocate for the UPass to be provided to students at no extra cost for the spring/summer semester.
 4. The UASU should advocate for affordable transit for students.
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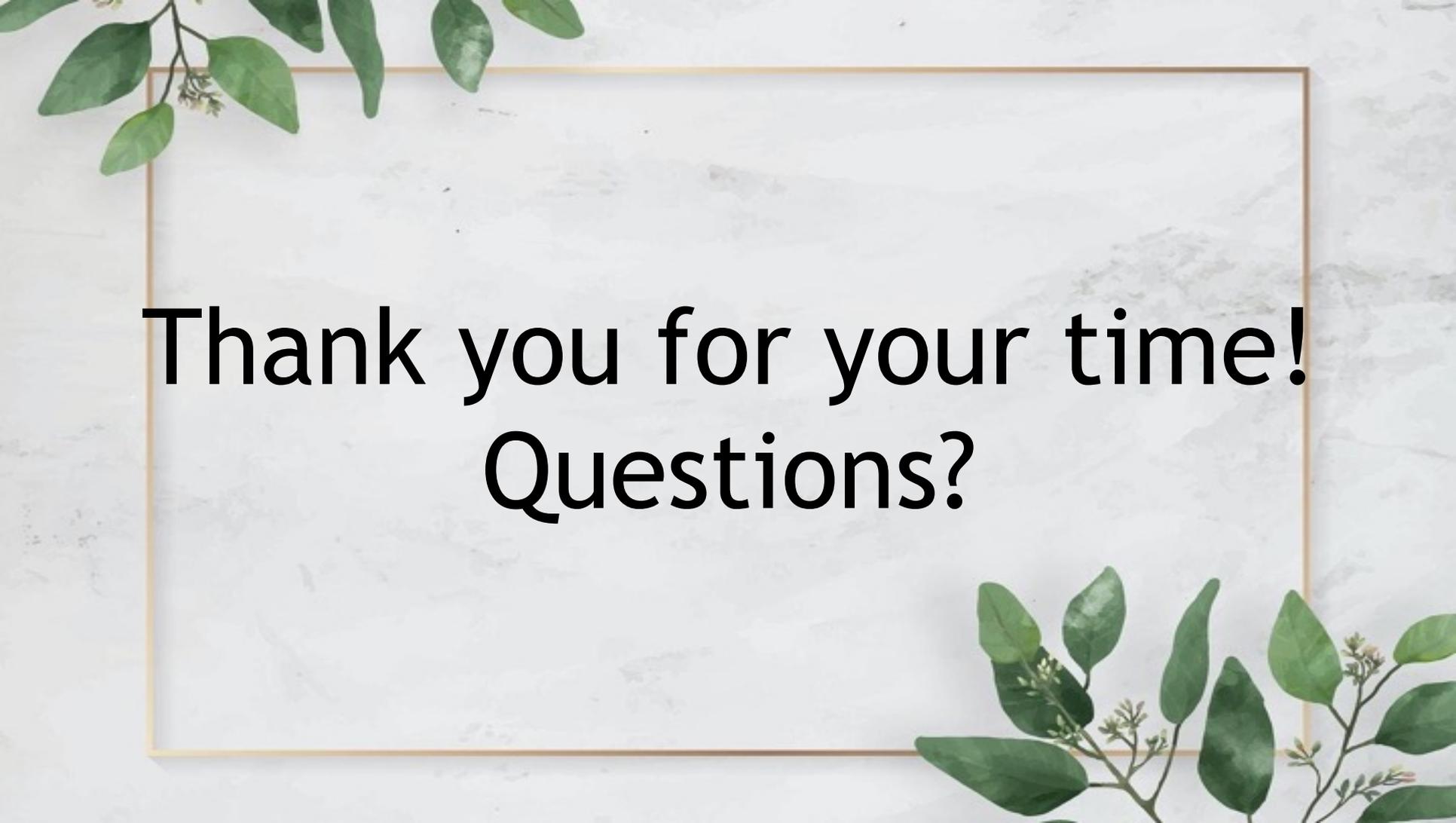
Green Transportation

5. The UASU should advocate for the expansion of the campus pedway system to aid in the reduction of heat loss during the winter months.
 6. The UASU should conduct a supply chain analysis of the various goods it sources to determine the full environmental impact of their procurement practices. The UASU should advocate that the University of Alberta do the same.
 7. The UASU should advocate for consistently available public transportation connecting the Augustana and Northern Campuses of the University.
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Next Steps

- We're currently working to update our environmental recommendations with the feedback we get from the consultation process.
 - This will allow us to get a more comprehensive record of changes we should be making to make the university more sustainable.
 - Feedback from the consultation process will be worked into recommendations.
 - Next years committee will be working on recommendations for economic and social sustainability.
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**Thank you for your time!
Questions?**