

Office of Sustainability F.A.Q. Guide for Faculty and IAS

Where is the Office of Sustainability located?

- The Office of Sustainability is located in room 25K, North Hall which is in the basement of North Hall next to the Risk Management Office.

Who can use the Office of Sustainability?

- Anyone! Thanks to Student Government, the office is now accessible with a card reader. People interested in using the office should coordinate with Mark Klapatch, as he will keep the master calendar of the space and has the authority to grant card access. Student workers and volunteers intermittently staff the office throughout each week.

Does the Office of Sustainability present in classes or give tours?

- Yes, the Office of Sustainability has a variety of presentations and tours prepared:
 - o Current presentations include an overview of campus sustainability, an update on the Sustainable Campus Community Plan, and how we measure sustainability progress. Presentations can be customized to relate to each course.
 - o General campus tours focusing on the sustainability aspects of our physical campus. A virtual tour (power point) is also available in the event of inclement weather.
 - o Tours of Ames Suites which is LEED gold certified and is the most sustainable UWRF building
 - o Presentation/tour of the RDI solar installation
 - o Tours of the campus heating plant

Does the Office of Sustainability need anything?

- The Office of Sustainability has a few bookshelves where we intend to have a resource library of sustainability related books. If you have any extra copies or old books you would like to donate, we would be happy to have them!

Does the Office of Sustainability provide any trainings to campus?

- Yes, the Office of Sustainability offers departmental training sessions. These sessions focus on several items that get missed during employee onboarding including: information on trash and recycling operations on campus as well as shredding events, room security, conserving energy in classrooms and offices, classroom capacities, emergency egress, and a brief overview of sustainability at UWRF. The sessions will take about 30 minutes. Please contact Mark Klapatch if you are interested.

I would like to host a film showing or bring a speaker to campus but do not have funds. Can the Office of Sustainability help?

- The Office of Sustainability does not currently have funding for activities like this. However, the staff regularly collaborate with student organizations to host film showings or bring speakers to campus. In fact, student organizations are often looking for ideas. Work with Mark Klapatch to get connected!

Additional Resources and Opportunities:

- The Office of Sustainability has a supply of about 35 Kill A Watt Electricity Usage Monitors. If you would like to borrow these for a class assignment or project, please send the request to Mark Klapatch.
- The Office of Sustainability has ideas for URSCA projects for students. If you have students interested in completing a sustainability related project, please have them contact Mark Klapatch to discuss options.
- UWRF is a member of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE). Any faculty, staff, or student can join AASHE at <https://www.aashe.org/>. Click on New Account in the upper right hand corner and follow the required steps. Once an account is set up, members have access to an abundance of resources, including the AASHE Resource Hub.

How can Faculty and IAS help improve campus sustainability?

- UWRF does not currently have the following plans. If you would like to have your students work on any of these plans as part of a course assignment, please contact Mark Klapatch to discuss specifics.
 - o Outdoor air quality policy
 - o Integrated Pest Management (IPM) plan
 - o Stormwater Management policy, plan, or guidelines using green infrastructure and low impact development practices to mitigate stormwater runoff projects
 - o Sustainable Campus Community Plan – This was created in 2012 so it needs to be updated. Courses could help with this by focusing on individual sections or the report as a whole.
- For the STARS report, we are required to report on the ways our courses use campus as a living laboratory. Below is a list of the categories we need to report on. Please email Mark Klapatch the course information if you feel you use campus as a living laboratory for any of your courses. Mark can also provide examples of ways we have met the requirements in the past.

Air & Climate
Buildings
Energy
Food & Dining
Grounds

Purchasing
Transportation
Waste
Water Diversity & Affordability
Coordination & Planning

Investment & Finance
Public Engagement
Wellbeing & Work

- To help improve sustainability at UWRF and to make sustainability in our curriculum stronger, please include the below UWRF sustainability learning outcomes in your syllabi. If you do this for a course, please let Mark Klapatch know so the information can be included in our future STARS reports.
 - o Sustainability Ethics – Students will gain a grounding in the interrelated nature of social, economic, and environmental issues, as related to views of interdependence, resource allocation, and environmental justice
 - o Sustainability Praxis – Students will be able to analyze, articulate, and envision solutions to problems of sustainability, integrating knowledge data across disciplinary boundaries.
 - o Global Citizenship – Students will internalize and understanding of the consequences of their social, economic, and environmental choices, and the possibilities for taking action on the personal and public levels.
- Consider conducting a sustainability literacy assessment for your course/program. Mark Klapatch can provide sample questions and examples of sustainability literacy assessments. If you conduct some form of a sustainability literacy assessment, it must be a pre and post assessment and must be reported to Mark as well so he report on that in future STARS reports.

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