



University Sustainability Coalition Meeting
Hilton Capitol Center
October 11, 2022
10am – 11:15am

The University Sustainability Coalition was formed in 2021 with one goal: To increase higher education sustainability efforts in Louisiana.

The idea of forming the university sustainability coalition was born from a steering committee of university representatives developing the university affiliate program as part of an EPA Trash Free Waters Grant with UL Lafayette and Keep Louisiana Beautiful. There are no fees associated with being a part of the coalition, just a seat at the table with your peers to communicate and is open to anyone in higher ed sustainability. By sharing challenges and solutions, members of this coalition can influence others in moving toward a more sustainable future.

Current sustainability coalition members represent universities from Dillard University, Grambling State University, Louisiana State University, Loyola University, Nicholls State University, Northwestern State University, Tulane University, River Parishes Community College, Xavier University, UL Monroe, UL Lafayette, University of New Orleans, Louisiana Tech, and Fletcher Technical Community College.

Attending In-person: 12 Individuals, 9 Universities

Keep Louisiana Beautiful: Cabell Mouton (Facilitator)

LSU: Jerrod Penn (Chair)

Tulane University: Jordan Stewart (Co-Chair)

Nicholls State: Mitzi Jackson

Northwestern: Jennifer Kelly

Loyola University: Jordan Jones

LSU: Lisa Mahoney, Mimi Rivette

UL Lafayette: Blair Begnaud, Jonathan R. Brown

UL Monroe: Andrew Hardee

UNO: Carol Lunn

Meeting Opened: 10:00 am

Introductions were made.

Report:

The University Sustainability Coalition was formed to provide a platform to discuss sustainability challenges and solutions that are common across higher ed institutions. Today's meeting is the first meeting of the academic year held in conjunction of the KLB State Conference. At this meeting, Cabell Mouton gave an overview of the current purpose of the coalition, a 2021-22 meeting recap (attached), discussed leadership roles, and established meeting dates and topics for the new year. It was agreed the coalition would be led by a 2-year Chair and Co-chair model to provide value and continuity. Jerrod Penn, LSU is in his 2nd year as Chair and Jordan Stewart, Tulane is beginning her 1st year as Co-Chair.

The purpose and the focus of the coalition was discussed to continue with either a platform for peer-to-peer support and learning or a platform to include students to learn and interact. Student involvement was decided moving forward for those universities that want to bring students into the coalition. Inclusion of students can be complimentary to the coalition to give them a platform for show casing posters, opportunities for presenting, provide professional networking opportunities with leaders in the field, bring green club members and SGA to the table, and continued effort for more eco careers. Students want to have a say and to be able to share. Students align with the university, and it can be a complimentary direction into other relationships. At LSU, it was the students that initiated the Student Sustainability Fund, also known as "green fee" student referendum from SGA wanting sustainable options in dining, housing, transportation, recycling, etc. The "green fee" goes into a sustainability fund, not the general fund. Every semester the Campus Committee on Sustainability at LSU determines which projects will be funded through an application process. LSU will provide the coalition with a copy of the referendum. This will be a goal of the coalition to assist other universities to possibly initiate a "green fee" for campus sustainability efforts.

The coalition will meet five times this year, one in person meeting with four subsequent virtual meetings. A discussion on meeting topic ideas followed. Interested topics by the coalition include Tree Campus, Bike Friendly USA, Bee Campus, Native Plants and Green Infrastructure, Campus Race to Zero Waste (National Wildlife Federation, NWF), Eco Careers (NWF), Green Fee Funding, Recycling and Athletics, Louisiana Partners, Student Engagement and Campus Allies, Plastics Certification, and Joey Finerhyme (original rapper and music used to educate and inspire environmental action.) Each meeting was adopted by a university to either present or secure a presenter/presentation.

The 2022-23 virtual meeting dates and topics are as follows:

November 30, 11am-12pm

University Adopt-a-Meeting: LSU, Jerrod Penn

Meeting Topic and Presenter: Bee Campus USA, Xerces Society, Laura Rost

January 25, 10am-11am

University Adopt-a-Meeting: UL Lafayette, Blair Begnaud and UNO, Carol Lunn

Meeting Topic and Presenter: Tree Campus and Native Planting

March 29, 10am -11am

University Adopt-a-Meeting: UL Lafayette, Blair Begnaud and Tulane, Jordan Stewart

Meeting Topic and Presenter: How to Engage Faculty and Students

May 10, 10am-11am

University Adopt-a-Meeting: ALL

Meeting Topic and Presenter: Spring Green Activities: Successes and Challenges

Meeting adjourned at 11:15am.



University Sustainability Coalition 2021-22 Meeting Attendance Report

Meeting Date	In-person/Virtual	# Universities Represented	# Individuals	Meeting Topic
October 14	In-person	8	11	Introduction of University Sustainability Coalition
November 9	Virtual	9	12	Structure/format/frequency/content for the coalition – Chair & KLB
January 18	Virtual	12	21	Recycle Mania – Xavier University
February 15	Virtual	8	17	AASHE STARS Program – UL Lafayette Love the Boot Week - KLB
March 15	Virtual	10	16	Move Out Challenges – Tulane University
April 26	Virtual	10	16	Sustainability Initiatives and Bioswales – Loyola University
May 17	Virtual	8	14	OZZI Sustainable Solutions - UL Lafayette, Tulane University, and LSU

October 14:

UL Monroe, UL Lafayette, Loyola, Northwestern, River Parishes Community College, LSU, Tulane, and Nicholls State

November 9:

UL Monroe, Loyola, Northwestern, Grambling, River Parishes Community College, Tulane, UNO, Xavier, and LSU

January 18:

UL Monroe, Loyola, Northwestern, UL Lafayette, Fletcher Community College, Tulane, LSU, Nicholls State, McNeese State, Dillard University, UNO, and Xavier

February 15:

Dillard University, Nicholls State, UL Lafayette, Grambling, Tulane, UNO, Xavier, and LSU

March 15:

Dillard, Nicholls, UL Lafayette, Grambling, Tulane, UNO, LSU, LA Tech, Fletcher Community College, Loyola

April 26:

Nicholls, UL Lafayette, Grambling, Tulane, UNO, Xavier, LSU, Loyola, River Parishes Community College, Northwestern

May 17:

Nicholls, UL Lafayette, Tulane, UNO, Xavier, LSU, River Parishes Community College, and Grambling