# Highlighted Programs Report to Staff Council 11/12/10 By Michele Hebert, UAF Sustainability Director Office of Sustainability, mahebert@alaska.edu 907-388-6085

**Recycling Waste Contract with K & K Recycling Inc** signed, September. Joint ASUAF/FS recycling team developed. Office of Sustainability working closely with team on funding, outreach and program functioning.

Here are the revised #'s as of 10/28/10 Total weight 26,400 lbs Total Cardboard & Paper 25,040 lbs. 12.5 Ton, Total Plastic 1,360 lbs.

**2011 UAF Sustainability Theme Contest:** Create a new theme for UAF Sustainability and Win UAF Apparel! (Deadline November 15. Submit on line): <a href="http://www.uaf.edu/sustainability/theme/">http://www.uaf.edu/sustainability/theme/</a>

### Monthly UAF Office of Sustainability newsletter: Paws for the Cause

This <u>monthly e-newsletter</u> features sustainability-related projects, news, and events of interest to the UAF community. It also provides tips to Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Respect. The Paws for the Cause is e-mailed to all faculty, staff, and students on non-essential e-mail listservs, as well as community members who to subscribe go to: http://www.uaf.edu/sustainability/getinvolved/

RISE and Office of Sustainability Funding Opportunity: The RISE Board and Office of Sustainability accepted student proposals for fall 2010. Information about the grant program can be founds at: <a href="http://www.uaf.edu/sustainability/rise/currentproposals/">http://www.uaf.edu/sustainability/rise/currentproposals/</a>. General Award Area: Review of Infrastructure, Sustainability and Energy Projects must address the SIREN purpose "investing in energy efficiency programs and renewable energy projects" or one of the issues and visions recommended in the document <a href="https://www.uaf.edu/uhr.commendations.no.ni.nl...">UAF Campus Sustainability: Recommendations from the Chancellor's Sustainability Transitions Team, July 2008.</a>. Issues include energy, transportation, purchasing, waste management, sustainable design, education and curriculum, food systems, social sustainability, and processes and institutions. Preference will be given to projects or programs, which reduce UAF's non-renewable energy consumption.

Office of Sustainability Meet and Greet: November 1, 2010 Student, Faculty and Staff were invited to hear about the UAF Sustainability Coordinator's and RISE Boards vision and ideas for campus sustainability. It was a venue and opportunity to collect ideas, suggestions and recommendations for UAF Sustainability. It was also be an opportunity for students to see how their sustainability fee is being or will be spent. The table was in the Wood Center.

Office of Sustainability RISE Student Positions. Seven students hired have been hired. Student position projects focusing on recycling, energy efficiency and alternative energy projects across campus:

- 1. Campus Facilities Usage Website to be used as a tool for reducing energy and dorm competitions. Jay Leonard
- 2. LED lights in FS Greenhouse replacing Sodium and run by Solar PV Nina Schwinghammer.
- 3. Expanding recycling to dorms by working with RAs Brandon Dunker
- 4. Light switch energy saver stickers (save a watt) being put around campus Brandon Hoover
- 5. Thermostatic power saving cords in student cars program Brandon Hoover

## UAF Recycling Handout, Office of Sustainability (mahebert@alaska.edu), November 2011

UAF Recycling operates as a partnership between students (Associated Students of the University of Alaska, Fairbanks) and the administration (Facilities Services)

What can I recycle?	How to prepare material for recycling?	Where to recycle?
Paper and Cardboard  White and colored paper  Notebooks  Books  Newspaper  Magazines/catal ogs  Business cards  Post-it-notes  File folders  Envelopes  Shredded paper  Telephone books  Cereal boxes  Paper egg cartons.	Flatten all boxes.  Must be free of food and grease Staples ok. Remove all large clips. Place all shredded material in a clear plastic bag. For large volumes of paper cardboard and books, call Facilities, 7000.	Individual blue paper bins Request a blue bin (hot link to).  Dumpsters locations (link to map)  Put bagged shredded paper next to a bin, or paper dumpster.  For large volumes, call 7000.
Plastics  • #1-#7 bottles  • Plastic bags  • Yogurt  containers  • Milk jugs  • Shampoo bottles  • Beverage  containers.  • Plastic CD cases	Rinse and drain No containers from products that are poisonous, like weed or bug killer. No containers from products that could cause a chemical burn, like drain cleaner. No containers from products with an oil base, like lamp oil or motor oil. No cooking oil based products.	Request a plastic building recycle container from ASUAF, 474-6037 or sustainabilityoffice@uaf.edu  Request bin emptying (hot link to). 474-6037 or sustainabilityoffice@uaf.edu  Facilities' plastic recycling dumpster is located outside the south side of the Rasmuson Library.
Glass  Clear, brown, green Jars and bottles	Remove caps Rinse and clean No lightbulbs.	UAF dumpsters coming by January 2011
Aluminum      Beverage container      Aluminum foil.      Pie tins.	Drain and put in building containers.	Request an aluminum building recycle container from ASUAF. 474-6037 or sustainabilityoffice@uaf.edu Request bin emptying 474-6037 or sustainabilityoffice@uaf.edu

Ink and toner cartridges		Contact ASUAF for information or to request a bin. 474-6037 or sustainabilityoffice@uaf.edu
<ul><li>E-Waste</li><li>Computers</li><li>Printers</li><li>Phones/</li><li>Faxes</li></ul>	Transfer items to UAF surplus. http://www.uaf.edu/property/sur plus-property-procedur/	Green star has an annual eletronic roundup http://www.iagreenstar.org/catego ry/e-recycling
Other things recycled	Contact ASUAF for information on bin location how to recycle. 474-6037 or sustainabilityoffice@uaf.edu	
Things not recycled		

### FAQ about recycling at UAF (more FAQs can be found at www.uaf.edu/sustainability)

What types of things are recycled at UAF? Facilities Services is currently recycling mixed-paper and cardboard by providing a dedicated individual paper recycling trashcan at their desk or work area. ASUAF recycles many other thinks.

Does that include paper coffee cups? Yes, as long as they are rinsed out.

How do I get a paper-recycling bin? Request a bin by emailing mahebert@alaska.edu.

How do I recycle cardboard? Cardboard boxes should be flattened and then placed with other mixed paper in paper recycling bins. =

Do the custodians empty the paper cycling bins? Yes, the custodians will empty bins when they are full. Timing will depend on how much paper you recycle. =

Are staples and plastic window envelope ok? Yes, for more information see the paper recycling guidelines link (hot link to pdf).

Is the university recycling plastic? Yes, ASUAF has plastic recycling bins in most buildings and are responsible for picking up.

What other types of things are recycled? ASUAF is also recycling, batteries, cell phones, ink cartridges, and aluminum. Call ASUAF to find the location of the bin closest to you.

What do I do if the ASUAF recycling bins are full? Contact ASUAF for pick up at:

Will UAF be expanding the recycling program? Yes. UAF is planning on creating several transfer station for paper, plastic, glass and aluminum as dumpsters are made available.

How do I recycle textbooks? Textbooks can be recycled along with any other type of paper. If you are recycling a small number, they can be placed in blue paper recycling bins. However, if you are planning on recycling a large volume, contact Facilities services at 7000.

- 6. Solar panels on SRC project Jessie Huff
- 7. Art Show and Water cooler filter, bottle-filling program Sambit Mirsa

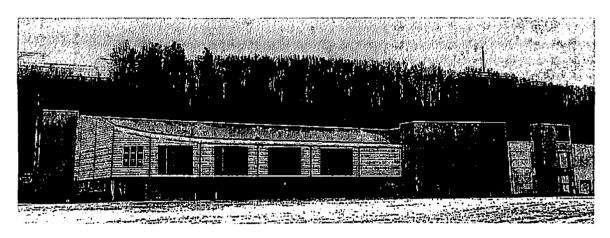
**Website** – (<u>www.uaf.edu/sustainability</u>) Gathered data on sustainability activities across campus and posted a comprehensive look at accomplishments. Building content and front page is current focus. Almost done. Check it out.

First Sustainability ECO Art Show was October 28-29 – Sustainability Office Student Sam Mirma worked with Wendy Croskrey, Art Dept. Faculty to develop the first annual sustainability art show. Exhibit pieces can be viewed at: face book page (UAF Sustainability and Recycling).

Launch of the Van Pool program October – Meet with Todd Smith and Sarah Mousseau to discuss use of Van Pool for UAF. Will be doing joint outreach with FS next month.

Agreement Partnership with Green Star to develop a program for electronic recycling. Andrea Miller and I are working to develop a partnership to look at community wide generation of electronics and how UAF can work together to reduce the amount auctioned to the community and then sent to Green Star.

**Solar panels on SRC Projects –** RISE board proposal to install a 30kW Solar PV system on wall or roof of the Student Recreation Center is seeking in put at: <a href="https://www.uaf.edu/sustainability/ris">www.uaf.edu/sustainability/ris</a>



#### **Outreach Efforts**

Newsletter

Paws for a Cause – monthly Office of Sustainability newsletter

Internet:

Facebook page – UAF Sustainability and Recycling UAF Office of Sustainability Webpage

TV and Radio:

3 TV programs, Channel 11 (2) Channel 13

3 Radio: KFAR, KUAC

2 Newspaper: Sunstar, Newsminer.