

Sustainability in Dining Committee Report – Oct. 2015

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Committee Report:

Overall the committee is starting anew with the new dining contractor.

This is the main projects the committee is coring on are:

- Composting – Shredder was sold and need new shredder to make it possible to use current compost on UAF flower beds. Currently UAF Grounds has to purchase compost and a shedder would allow UAF to produce larger volume of compost and in turn purchase less. The shredder would be around \$17,000 and be a cheaper option then purchasing a full compost system (around \$300,000). Composting would be limited to what can be composted outdoors in Alaska, no bio plastics. UAF currently composts only pre-production (waist before food is cooked) no post food, will look into composting coffee grounds. The committee is seeking partnership with Chartwells, Dining Services and Student Sustainability grants to purchase a shedder or pursuit of a different composting system.
- Ensure students and employees are aware of 25% Discount for using reusable mug when purchasing beverages. Hope to do this with signage where this option is available.

The committee is looking to build a conversation between staff council and issues the committee is looking at. They are eager to see how our two groups can help support each other missions.