

Report to Staff Council

RISE Board Update
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The RISE Board has made significant progress on key projects over the summer.

1) Sustainability Management Plan – When the SIREN fee and RISE Board were first established, there was initial vision for advancing sustainability efforts at UAF. Three years later, RISE and the Office of Sustainability have established a student proposal program for implementing sustainability concepts on campus, a robust recycling program, Green Bikes, a Gold rating under the STARS campus sustainability benchmarking program, the UAF Campus Community Garden, campus building energy dashboards, support for the Sustainable Village concept, and more. Now, the Board is developing a new vision for the future work of advancing sustainability at UAF. To that end, RISE solicited for proposals to develop a campus Sustainability Management Plan (SMP). The SMP is a strategy map for achieving sustainability goals. The Board is moving forward with the Brendle Group, a sustainability consulting firm that specializes in sustainability plans for institutions of higher education. Brendle's proposal includes a four-phase approach for assessing campus and collecting required data, working with the RISE Board to develop the plan, development of strategies and metrics, and assembly and publication of the final report and plan. Brendle's proposal includes some optional items, but the core work outlined above, including a two-day site visit from Brendle staff, will cost roughly \$50,000. The RISE Board is meeting with Chancellor Rogers on September 12 during a regular board meeting to present the proposal and to gain his feedback.

2) RISE is scheduled to meet with Mayor Luke Hopkins on September 19 to discuss the new borough recycling program, bicycle and pedestrian routes to and from campus, and other issues concerning sustainability at UAF and the borough.

3) Stemming from work initiated by the RISE Sustainability in the Curriculum subcommittee, the RISE Board has rolled out a new faculty proposal program wherein faculty interested in developing sustainability curriculum or adding a sustainability component to their existing courses may write a proposal to the RISE Board following a proposal process similar to that used for student proposals.

Miscellany: The Office of Sustainability has moved out of its location in the Rasmuson Library to its new location atop the Lola Tilly Commons. ... The Office of Sustainability and RISE Board members staffed a table at the Chena Hot Springs Sustainability Fair this year.