* Sustain Mizzou elected three new leaders for next year on April 7.
* The organization’s new President is sophomore Tina Casagrand; the Vice President of Programming is now freshman Monica Everett; the Vice President of Communication is now sophomore Kelly Gehringer.

For the election, two members of the organization were nominated for each position, and then members voted on paper. It is estimated that about 30 members voted in the election, according to President Tina Casagrand. This is their usual meeting member attendance.
* Casagrand, the former Vice President of Programming, oversees the projects and heads the meetings.
* “It’s intimidating following behind five former presidents that have really been phenomenal and done a lot of good work for the organization and sustainability,” said Casagrand.
* As the Vice President of Programming, Monica Everett will be in charge of coordinating working with the volunteers and overseeing all of the different projects.

Kelly Gehringer, Vice President of Communications, promotes the events on campus and answers any organization correspondence.

“I like the challenge of finding new and interesting ways to get word out and raise awareness, just finding creative ways to do that,” said Gehringer.

Casagrand, Everett, and Gehringer all agree that they would like to maintain the positive approach Sustain Mizzou has had toward fostering sustainability on campus. Everybody in the organization is happy with its success, and hope to keep it thriving next year.
* One change Casagrand has in mind for next year is to move Sustain Mizzou’s meetings to a better locale. Currently, the organization meets every other Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in Chambers Auditorium, and executive meetings are every Monday at 5:00 p.m. in the MU Sustainability Office.

“I would like to have better meeting locations, with tables and be more in groups, because up until now we’ve been in lecture hall auditoriums. I think if people are able to look at each other it will feel more like a community, which is what we’re all about,” said Casagrand.
* Casagrand’s other goal as President is to expand Sustain Mizzou within campus organizations by cooperating with other groups. This will broaden Sustain Mizzou’s popularity, along with providing others with the knowledge and benefits of sustainability.

“My main goal is to have people understand why sustainability matters in the context of what’s going on globally and nationally at other campuses. Sustainability shouldn’t just matter to one small group, it should matter to everyone here. Everyone plays a part in it, and we want everyone to participate in it,” said Gehringer.
* The non-profit campus organization, which had its 6th birthday in February, is run by student volunteers. Sustain Mizzou’s mission is to “promote a sustainable way of life at the University of Missouri-Columbia through education, cooperation, and local action regarding the environment,” according to their website.
* Sustain Mizzou supports saving resources, and promoting others to do so. Members do no not just work on one type of conservation—they work on all aspects of sustainability of the environment.
* “Everyone is passionate about different things. Some people are into recycling, while others are into sustainable energy,” said Vice President of Programming Kelly Gehringer.
* Some of Sustain Mizzou’s popular workings around campus that will be kept next year include Local Food Drive, Recycled Notebooks, and Tiger Tailgate Recycling.
* “In the fall, Tiger Tailgate recycling is huge,” said Casagrand.

Tiger Tailgating involves recycling at tailgating events. It makes Sustain Mizzou and the acts of protecting the environment more visible to the community, said Vice President of Programming Monica Everett.

Sustain Mizzou is content with its current state as an organization, and will continue to generate new ideas when school resumes in the fall.

“Any projects that the members still want to run and volunteer for, we’ll keep. We’ll start any new ones they get excited about,” said Casagrand.