

On Wednesday, the University of North Carolina at Charlotte Office of Sustainability held a campus tabling event that promoted trading clothing at the Belk Plaza.

From 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., the UNCC Office of Sustainability hosted the “Swap Til Ya Drop” event, where students participated in donating one piece of clothing in exchange for another.

The rules were for students to bring a gently used article of clothing (i.e. shirts, pants, blouses, accessories, etc.) and would receive a raffle ticket per item donated. They could then choose the same type of clothing they donated from the provided options.

Students could exchange up to 10 donated items. Any clothes that were not taken were donated to Goodwill.

This event was to prompt students to consider more sustainable and eco-friendly ways of obtaining clothes .

“We want to get more students to be able to do something sustainable by not buying new clothes,” EcoRep and student employee Beth Sang said. “For example, donating clothes they don’t wear anymore while still getting clothes that they like.”

This event was open to all UNC Charlotte students. Students were also able to participate free of charge.

“And I personally like how you don’t have to buy anything,” Sang said. “It’s all free and a great way to bring people together.”

According to Sang, this was the first tabling event the organization has done.

“This is also our first time doing something like this,” she said. “We didn’t know how it was going to go. But hopefully with this that all changes.”

The event was inspired by the current uprising of the fast fashion industry. Due to heavy promotion on social media, stores like Shein and Temu have been solidifying themselves into the fashion industry.

“We were also inspired by the current trend of fast fashion because even though it’s a current trend at the moment, it is terrible for the environment,” Sang said. “With this event, we can start putting the idea of donating and trading clothes within UNCC students.”

Along with this event, the Office of Sustainability has provided students with different ways to donate clothing through multiple events for their yearly Earth Month 2025 celebration.

The Office of Sustainability will continue to host events throughout the rest of April to promote eco-friendliness. An upcoming event will be held on April 25 at 4 p.m. titled “Anything That Rolls”, which will promote cycling as an alternative to driving.