

Sustainability Committee Agenda

Green Hall (GR) 2.326

Attendance Checklist:

✓	Doug Goodman – Chair	✓	John Walls
✓	Carolyn Reichert – Vice Chair	✓	Evan Paret
✓	Lev Gelb		John McCaskill
	Craig Lewis		Mackenzie Hunter
✓	Brett Cease	✓	Fred Traylor
	Joseph Campain	✓	Robin Russell
	Deborah Reynolds		
✓	Thea Junt		
	Calvin Jamison		
✓	Rick Dempsey		

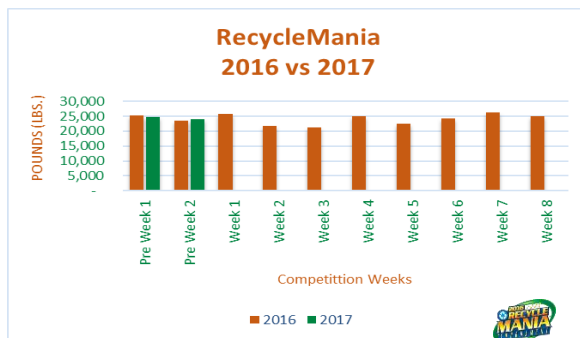
- I. Greetings
- II. Minutes Approval
- III. Facilities Management / Sustainability Update
 - a. Sustainability Website
 - b. Recyclemania update
 - c. Tree Campus USA
 - d. Eco Rep Program
 - e. Water Bottle Refilling Stations
- IV. Earth Week Academic Event
- V. Discussion (around the table)

Notes

Water Bottle Refilling Stations

October 2016 → 769,600
January 2017 → 1,200,000

As measured on-campus from 30 bottle filling stations



	2016	2017	Diff.
Pre Week 1	25,303	24,745	(558)
Pre Week 2	23,596	23,911	315
Week 1	25,693	-	(25,693)
Week 2	21,828	-	(21,828)
Week 3	21,288	-	(21,288)
Week 4	25,061	-	(25,061)
Week 5	22,456	-	(22,456)
Week 6	24,360	-	(24,360)
Week 7	26,206	-	(26,206)
Week 8	25,135	-	(25,135)

Eco Reps at SSA Ribbon Cutting



2017 TRACS Summit

Registration and event details are now available. Thanks to our friends at Texas A&M University Commerce for hosting the event!

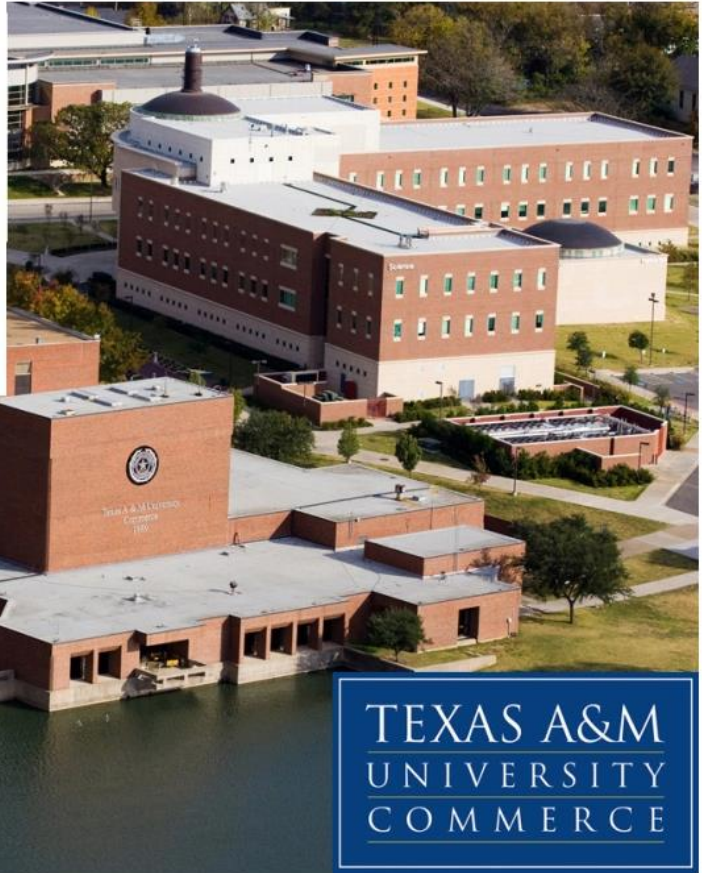
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**5th Annual TRACS Summit
March 5-7, 2017
at Texas A&M Commerce**



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Earth Week Celebration



Earth Week - April 17-21, 2017

Event	Location	Date	Time	Duration
Free Garden Workshop	Community Garden	April, 17	10:00 AM	1 Hour
Pop Up Farmers Market	The Plinth	April, 18	9:30 AM	4 Hours
Earth Fair	SU Mall	April, 20	11:00 AM	2 Hours
Butterfly Flutterby	Monarch Waystation	April, 21	10:00 AM	2 Hours

*Schedules and events could change

Minutes

Start time: 3:00 PM

- Attendance
 - Doug Goodman
 - Carolyn Reichert
 - Lev Gelb
 - Brett Cease
 - Rick Dempsey
 - Thea Junt
 - John McCaskill
 - Robin Russell
 - Fred Traylor
 - Evan Paret
 - Greetings
 - Everyone introduced themselves.
 - FM/Sustainability Update
 - Sustainability Website
 - The Office of Sustainability is in the process of updating and redesigning the sustainability website.
 - The location of all ink cartridge and water bottle refilling station location will be made available on the website when completed.
 - The updates will take place incrementally. As of current, the site is now mobile phone friendly.
 - There will be a page linked to the site that will provide opportunity for students, staff and faculty to submit project ideas to the Sustainability Office.
 - RecycleMania
 - RecycleMania is in full swing.
 - This is an international recycling competition that includes submitting recycling weight information every week until April 1st.
 - The result of this competition will provide a per capita recycle rate for UTD and earning a rank among many other universities across the United States and other countries.
 - RecycleMania 2016 results below.
- | RecycleMania 2016 | Rank | Out of | lbs. per capita | Gross lbs. |
|------------------------|------|--------|-----------------|------------|
| Pounds per capita | 147 | 269 | 8.94 | N/A |
| Gorilla (gross weight) | 91 | 276 | N/A | 210,725 |
| Food Waste Organics | 124 | 140 | 0.58 | N/A |
- Tree Campus USA
 - UT Dallas is an official Tree Campus USA campus for 2016.
 - This required the establishment of a campus tree advisory committee, tree care plan, campus tree program with annual expenditures, Arbor Day observance, and service learning projects.

- Eco Rep Program
 - The Office of Sustainability within Facilities Management has initiated the Eco-Reps Program.
 - This includes the hiring of five additional interns to enhance campus sustainability awareness and initiatives across campus.
 - Current projects for the new Eco-Reps include the following:
 - Event and activity planning
 - Vermicomposting
 - Sustainability themed graphic design
 - Learning operational processes
 - Weekly team meetings
 - Recyclemania game day planning at athletic event
 - Bee hive installation planning
 - Water Bottle Refilling Station
 - The water bottle refilling stations offer free chilled water refills for students, staff and faculty at UT Dallas.
 - Each station keeps track of how many 16-ounce bottles have been diverted from a landfill.
 - As of the end of January, UT Dallas has diverted over 1.2 million 16-ounce bottles from a landfill.
 - Earth Week Academic Event
 - There is confidence that there will be an academic panel similar to last years.
 - Brett Cease has volunteered to help organize and plan the academic panel during earth week. As of current, the Sustainability Committee will assist in identifying faculty whom would be able to participate on the panel.
 - There is a deadline of March 6th to send all information (Date, Time and Location) of events and activities during Earth Week to The Office of Student Volunteerism for marketing support.

- Discussion
 - \$8000 will be available for environmental projects (Green Initiative) from the Student Service Fee. This is for the next academic year.
 - There is interest in integrating sustainability into the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) at UT Dallas. Below is a link to the committee involved.
 - <http://sacscoc.utdallas.edu/2018-review/reaffirmation-teams/sacscom-quality-enhancement-plan-development>
 - TRACS draft schedule has become available. UT Dallas will have two presentations at Texas A&M university-Commerce. Brett will also be presenting at TRACS.
 - There is interest in working within academia to pursue the development of sustainability courses.
 - There were questions regarding the filters on the water bottle refilling stations. When the filter indicator lights are flashing or are not green or yellow, please contact Facilities Management and the station will be checked. Please include the location of the station if reporting the filter light.

End Time: 3:49 PM