

March 7, 2017 3:00 PM

Sustainability Committee Agenda

Green Hall (GR) 2.326

Attendance Checklist:

~	Doug Goodman – Chair		John Walls
	Carolyn Reichert – Vice Chair	v	Evan Paret
>	Lev Gelb	v	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 Office
 - a. Sustainability Website Update
 - b. Eco Rep Program Project Updates
 - i. Beehive
 - ii. Planted Milkweed
 - iii. Garden & Butterfly Events
 - iv. Vermicomposting
 - c. RecycleMania
 - d. EV Car Share DOE
 - e. TRACS
- IV. Earth Week
- V. UTD Tech Store E-Waste Recycling Event
- VI. Discussion (around the table)



2016 RecycleMania	Rank	Out Of	Lbs. Per Capita
Per Capita Classic	147	269	8.94
2016 RecycleMania	Rank	Out Of	Total Lbs.
Gorilla	91	276	210,725
2016 RecycleMania	Rank	Out Of	Lbs. Per Capita
Food Organics	124	140	0.58

Save the Date! TRACS

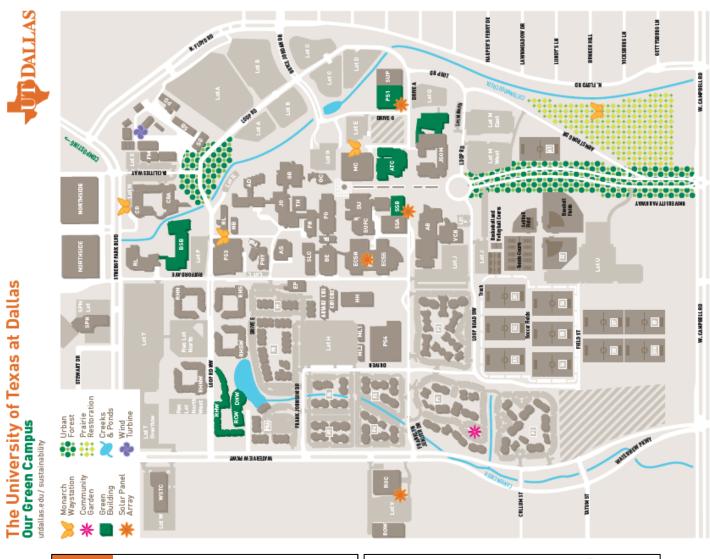




5th Annual TRACS Summit March 5–7, 2017 at Texas A&M Commerce

Eco Reps & Students Building Bee Hives







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Minutes Start time: 3:00 PM

- Attendance
 - Doug Goodman
 - o Lev Gelb
 - o Craig Lewis
 - o Brett Cease
 - Deborah Reynolds
 - o Thea Junt
 - o Evan Paret
 - o John McCaskill
 - Fred Traylor
- Greetings
 - Everyone introduced themselves.
- Minutes Approval
 - Everyone reviewed the minutes.
 - Last meeting minutes were approved.
- FM/Sustainability Update
 - Sustainability Website Update
 - The Office of Sustainability is in the process of updating the Sustainability website.
 - The contact information for the sustainability office staff has been updated.
 - The ink cartridge recycling location list will be changed to special recycling which includes glass bottle recycling locations in the near future.
 - A sustainability map is now available on the sustainability website.
 - Eco Rep Program Project Updates
 - New beehives have been constructed and will be installed at the Monarch Waystation soon.
 - A Mason Beehive has been added to the Community Garden.
 - Milkweed seeds have been planted in the green house in preparation for Earth Week's Monarch Waystation Butterfly Fluttery volunteer event.
 - The Eco-Reps assisted in the February Butterfly Flutterby volunteer event.
 - Vermicomposting bins have been constructed. These bins will be utilized at Facilities Management to reduce compostable food waste from being disposed of in trash bins.
 - A how-to video is currently in development on how to develop your own vermicomposting bin.
 - A news center story on the vermicomposting will be publicized soon.
 - o RecycleMania
 - We are currently in week 5 of the reporting period.
 - The 2016 results of RecycleMania, including Per Capita Classic (Per Person), Gorilla (Total) and Food Organics (Total) were illustrated to discuss future recycling goals.
 - There is interest in tracking the trash dumpsters to acquire overall recycling rate.
 - EV Car Share DOE

- The university is looking into the feasibility of acquiring additional car charging stations through an initiative with the North Central Texas Council of Governments. The initiative promotes pilot projects to support car-sharing programs.
- TRACS (Texas Regional Alliance for Campus Sustainability)
 - Hosted at TAMU-Commerce, the summit consisted of a variety of workshops/sessions that were oriented on sustainability related subjects.
 - The next TRACS location is yet to be confirmed.
- o Earth Week
 - More information on Earth Week can be found on the Sustainability Website or the below link.
 - <u>http://www.utdallas.edu/volunteer/earthweek/</u>
- UTD Tech Store
 - The UTD Tech Store is hosting an e-waste recycling event from March 6 to 10th from 10 AM to 4 PM, Friday to 3 PM.
- Discussion
 - Over 60 lbs. of wildflower seeds have been distributed on-campus in key areas.
 - Over 1500 milkweeds are being prepared for Earth Week.
 - The AASHE (Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education) Conference will take place in San Antonio, Texas this year. The month it will take place is in October. Please see below link for more information.
 - <u>http://conference.aashe.org/</u>
 - There is discussion on how to best approach an effort to increase access to research being performed at UT Dallas.
 - The committee was introduced to AASHE's "Beyond Doom and Gloom: Including Solutions to Climate Changed". For more information, please see below link.
 - http://www.aashe.org/ClimateSolutions/Educators
 - With the new custodial contract, efforts have been made to increase training of new contracted night crews. One such effort was developing the trash/recycling differentiation signage to help teach which bag to place recycling and trash in. This includes English and Spanish literature.
 - Efforts are being made to encourage the integration of sustainability into the new campus master plan.
 - There was discussion of a Living Building Workshop. The USGBC is hosting such a workshop in June. Please see below link for more information.
 - <u>http://www.usgbc.org/event/living-building-workshop</u>
 - Contact has been made with representatives from the Quality Enhancement Plan Team.
 - Efforts are being made to potentially add a menu section on the sustainability website for Sustainability Committee information.
 - The next Sustainability Committee meeting will be outdoors. The committee will meet outside Green Hall at 3 PM, April 4th.

End Time: 4:00 PM