

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	✓	Delaney Conroy
✓	Thea Junt		
	Calvin Jamison		
	Rick Dempsey		

- I. Greetings
- II. Minutes Approval
- III. Facilities Management / Sustainability Office
 - a. Move In (Aug. 16 – 19) – Cardboard Volunteers
 - b. Water Bottle Refilling Stations
 - c. Sustainability at Staff Council
- IV. Sustainability during the Summer
 - a. Orientations (student/new employee)
 - b. Sustainability Volunteer Events
 - c. CURC Webinar
- V. Discussion (around the table)

Plastic Film Recycling Update



Recycle your Clean, Dry and Empty Plastic Wrap and Film Packaging!

HOW TO Recycle Plastic Wrap & Film Packaging

- Step 1: Remove plastic film packaging
- Step 2: Identify recycling bin location
- Step 3: Place plastic film in the bin

Look for the following **Recycle Bin**

Your plastic wrap materials will become Earth-Friendly composite decking & railing!

If the bin becomes full, please contact the below email: recycling@utdallas.edu

This recycling program is managed through The Office of Sustainability. Please DO NOT EMPTY

For more information, please refer to the UT Dallas Sustainability Website

16-Ounce Bottles Avoided

January 2017: 1.2 million

June 2017: 1.6 million



Minutes

- Start: 3:00 PM
- Attendance
 - Carolyn Reichert
 - Craig Lewis
 - Thea Junt
 - Robin Russell
 - Delaney Conroy
 - Evan Paret
- Minutes Approval
 - Minutes were approved
- Facilities Management/Sustainability Office
 - Move In (Aug. 16-19) – Cardboard Volunteers
 - Last year, we had three collection pens for cardboard near the residence halls. This year, we will have six pens.
 - The pens will be located throughout campus housing including residence halls and apartments.
 - Water bottle refilling stations
 - Since the start of tracking the “avoided” plastic 16-ounce bottles purchased due to the utilization of the water bottle refilling stations, there has been significant interest and usage of the stations.
 - In January 2017, over 1.2 million bottles have been avoided
 - In June 2017, over 1.6 million bottles have been avoided
 - Sustainability at Staff Council
 - The Office of Sustainability will be presenting about sustainability at the next Staff Council meeting
- Sustainability during the Summer
 - All freshmen and new employee orientations has a sustainability representative present to provide information and answer any questions
- Sustainability volunteer events
 - There was a garden workshop today to help teach student volunteers how to grow vegetable and maintain a garden area
- CURC Webinar
 - College and University Recycling Coalition offers a variety of webinars throughout the year.
 - We will be having a lunch and learn on August 10th from 12 to 1:30 PM including the webinar focused on Engaging the Campus to Improve Recycling Participation
 - If you are interested in attending, contact Evan for more information
 - <http://curc3r.org/webinars/2017-webinar-series/>
- Discussion
 - AASHE Conference - <https://conference.aashe.org/>
 - Bike Friendly University
 - One of the eco-reps, Delaney, proposed a preliminary proposal to pursue the bike friendly university designation.
 - The City of Richardson is ranked Bronze
 - Ideal goal for submitting for designation is Summer 2019

- There was discussion on a mini-video series on how-to secure, fix and ride bicycles
- There was a discussion on rentable bikes
- There was discussion on wildflowers including bluebonnets and Indian paintbrush and the possibilities of them being established at UTD
- The squash bee was discussed
- Carolyn indicated there would be a sustainability-based case study in a financial policy and strategy course (section 6355); this will help when filling out the AASHE credit on academic courses.
- End : 3:56 PM