

Sustainability Committee Agenda

Green Hall (GR) 2.326

Attendance Checklist:

✓	Carolyn Reichert – Chair		John Walls
	Lev Gelb – Vice Chair	✓	Evan Paret
✓	Craig Lewis	✓	John McCaskill
✓	Patrick Sarman		Mackenzie Hunter
✓	Eric Chen		Fred Traylor
	Deborah Reynolds	✓	Robin Russell
✓	Thea Junt		Kelsey Lyle
	Calvin Jamison		JW (SG President)
✓	Rick Dempsey	✓	Kim Rahebi
✓	Alex Holcomb		

- I. **Greetings**
- II. **Minutes Approval**
- III. **Facilities Management / Sustainability Office**
 - a. Organix Recycling – Site Tour
 - b. Integrated Pest Management Plan
 - c. Sustainability Roundtable
 - d. Newsletter
- IV. **AASHE STARS**
 - a. Conference (Oct. 15-18; San Antonio)
 - b. Updates
- V. **Sustainability during the Semester**
- VI. **Discussion (around the table)**

Sustainability Calendar			
Events	Activity	Date	Time
Butterfly Flutterby	Weed pulling and general maintenance	Sept. 29	9-11 AM
Adopt-a-Highway	Pick up trash and recyclable materials	Oct. 6	9-11 AM
Community Garden	Planting, harvesting, and general maintenance	Oct. 14	8:30-10:30 AM
Viva Volunteer	Planting and pulling weeds	Oct. 28	8-1 PM
Texas Arbor Day	Tree planting	Nov. 3	8-3 PM
Operation Upcycle	Make plastic bag jump ropes	Nov. 9	2-4 PM
Texas Recycles Day	TBD	Nov. 15	All Day



Figure 1 - Eco Reps and FM Staff at Organix Recycling Compost Site Tour
(from left to right: Garry Rhymes, Evan Paret, Kelsey Lyle, Fred Traylor, Aasya Peera, Samantha Manuel, and Emily Stinnett)



Butterfly Flutterby Event
Friday, Sept. 29

Weeds Pulled
1,520 Gallons



October 2017

HABITAT: MONARCHS • ENERGY: ALUMNI CENTER • RECYCLING: ORGANIX • UPCOMING EVENTS



UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER: CAMPUS SUSTAINABILITY MONTH

- Family Day
October 7, 11am - 2pm
- Meteor Theatre:
Spiderman: Homecoming
October 26, 7 - 9pm

OFF CAMPUS:

- Texas State Fair
September 29-October 22
- Cottonwood Arts Festival
October 7-8, 10am - 5pm
- Plano International Festival
October 14-15, 11am - 5pm
- Texas Veggie Fair
October 21, 11am - 6pm

GREEN VOLUNTEERING:

- Adopt-a-Highway*
October 6, 9 - 11am
- Viva Volunteer*
October 28, 8am - 12pm

*REGISTRATION REQUIRED

MIGRATING MONARCHS

Monarch Butterflies (*danaus plexippus*) are an essential component of our eco system, in addition to being our state insect, they are also crucial pollinators in the process of propagation our plant species. Monarchs are a migratory species that travel over 3,000 miles from Canada to Mexico. One path of migration is known as the I-35 corridor and flies right over UT Dallas! Our particular location and means give us a certain responsibility to protect and provide for these vulnerable species that we depend on for so much of our pollination. In order to do so the Office of Sustainability and Grounds Department have maintained our two certified Monarch waystations and are proud to have two more certified waystations on campus this fall!

FUN FACTS: MONARCHS + MILKWEED



Monarchs are considered a canary or indicator species, predictive of other insect population decline due to habitat loss.



Milkweed is poisonous to most other birds and insects. After monarchs eat milkweed, they too can become poisonous to predators!



GREEN BUILDING: ALUMNI CENTER

With the completion of the new Davison-Gundy Alumni Center, UT Dallas's campus has added yet another green building to our map. The building cleverly captures and repels natural sunlight where appropriate to aid heating, cooling, and lighting space.

Each room in the building has window access to the outside, welcoming in sunlight and warmth, decreasing the amount of electricity needed for these tasks. The white roof helps reduce cooling costs and the campus's heat island effect by repelling unwanted sunlight. In addition, almost all of its lights are LED, which require significantly less electricity and maintenance than traditional lights.

COMPOST CONNECTION:

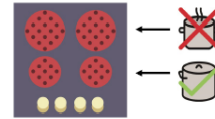
ORGANIX

Recently, UT Dallas has partnered with an off-campus composting facility, Organix, to streamline our current composting operation into a more efficient process. The new operation works with dining services to collect pre-consumer food waste from Dining Hall West, Parking Structure 3, and the Student Union. While previously, the on-campus composting operation could only collect plant material (fruits, vegetables, and landscape waste), the new partnership allows UT Dallas to collect meat and dairy products as well. As for the on-campus site, everything on site will continue to be processed into compost for UT Dallas's landscapes. Additional compost for campus landscapes will be obtained from Organix, once the on-campus operation has been completed.

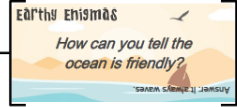
Green Tip:

KITCHEN

Match your pots and pans to the right size burner to prevent wasting energy.



Use lids when cooking to trap heat and cut down cooking time!



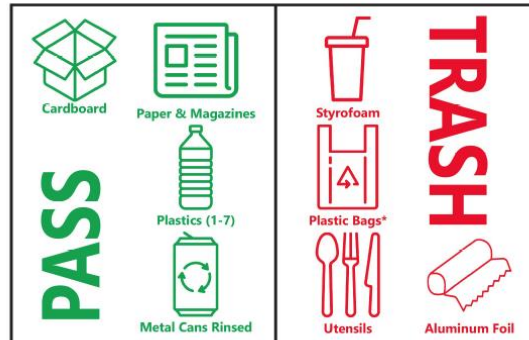
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Campus Recycling



Single Stream Recyclables

These items may be placed in any dumpster or container labeled Recycling, as long as it isn't Special Recycling



Special Recyclables

*Plastic Film/Bags may be recycled in Plastic Film Recycling containers on or off campus
Old Batteries may be recycled in Battery Recycling containers

Ink/Toner may be recycled in Printer Cartridge Recycling bins, the revenue generated from ink recycling goes toward the university's Staff Council Scholarship

Unbroken Glass Recycling is located in Lloyd V. Berkner Hall (BE) and the Science Learning Center (SLC)

For a complete list of what is recyclable and Special Recycling Locations, visit the UT Dallas Sustainability Website

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Minutes

Start: 3:00 PM

- Attendance
 - Carolyn Reichert
 - Craig Lewis
 - Patrick Sarman
 - Eric Chen
 - Thea Junt
 - Rick Dempsey
 - Alex Holton
 - Evan Paret
 - John McCaskill
 - Robin Russell
 - Kim Rahebi
- Greetings
- Minutes Approval
 - Minutes approved.
 - There was no objection.
- Facilities Management / Sustainability Office
 - Organix Recycling
 - Facilities Management and Dining Services have partnered with Organix Recycling to collect all pre-consumer food waste from the DHW, PS3, and SU loading docks.
 - Organix takes the material to their compost site in Hutchins, Texas
 - FM staff and eco reps visited the site and received a compost tour. This provided insight into the composting process.
 - Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Plan
 - Facilities Management has been developing and updating our IPM plan.
 - This outlines pest control practices at UT Dallas.
 - This plan will be applied to 100% of UT Dallas.
 - Sustainability Roundtable
 - The Office of Sustainability will be hosting a get-together with sustainability staff, eco-reps, and student representatives from various campus organizations and clubs to discuss how to become involved in “green” initiatives and activities on-campus.
 - This meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 4 at 8:30 AM at FM.
 - Sustainability Newsletter
 - The Office of Sustainability has developed an October newsletter.
 - The newsletter can be seen on page two of the agenda.

- AASHE STARS
 - AASHE is the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education.
 - The AASHE Conference is taking place October 15-18 in San Antonio.
 - There are speakers, tours, an expo, poster sessions, and scheduled presentation sessions.
 - This event includes a student summit and student registration rates.
 - There is interest from Student Government in having representatives attend this and/or next year's annual conference.
- Sustainability during the Semester
 - There is a variety of sustainability related activities going on in the upcoming months.
 - The recent volunteer event called Butterfly Flutterby at the Monarch Waystation resulted in over 1,500 gallons of weeds being pulled.
 - This Friday, the OSV will host the Adopt-a-Highway event to clean up trash around the Bush Tollway.
 - The Office of Student Volunteerism website offers links to register for the events and activities.
 - <http://www.utdallas.edu/volunteer/events/>
- Discussion (around the table)
 - One of the eco-reps is interested in pursuing the UT Dallas designation of being a bike friendly campus. There is a meeting next week with Parking and Transportation to discuss the opportunity and to see if there is interest in supporting such an initiative.
 - <http://bikeleague.org/university>
 - UT Dallas landscape waste (wood limbs and tree trunks) are being grinded into mulch and reutilized in on-campus landscape projects.
 - Faculty members on the Sustainability Committee will be performing a study on how environmental education influences a student's attitude. This will include a pre and post study opportunity.
 - There will be a sustainability related conference in Plano soon. CATEE 2017's Texas Energy Summit on November 13-15. There are student registration discounts available.
 - <https://catee.tamu.edu/>
 - There is interest in having recycled art locations on the campus map.
- End: 4:00 PM