

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	✓	Robin Russell
	Deborah Reynolds		JW Van Der Schans
	Calvin Jamison	✓	Kim Rahebi
✓	Rick Dempsey	✓	Logan Harless
	Alex Holcomb		David Terry

- I. **Greetings**
- II. **Minutes Approval**
- III. **Facilities Management / Sustainability Office**
 - a. Tree Campus USA Recertification
 - b. RecycleMania Planning
- IV. **Past Events**
 - a. Texas Recycles Day; Nov. 15
- V. **Future Events 2018**
 - a. Adopt-a-Highway; January
 - b. Butterfly Flutterby; February
 - c. TRACS Summit @ Tarleton State University; March
 - d. Earth Week; April
- VI. **Discussion (around the table)**
 - a. 2018 Meeting Schedule

Special Recycling Programs

Styrofoam # 6 Recycling



- ✓ All #6 Styrofoam is accepted
- ✓ Make sure cups and containers are empty
- ✓ Make sure the material has a #6 on it
- ✓ Check coolers for mail-back programs

Styrofoam Packing Peanuts



- ✓ All Styrofoam packing peanuts are accepted
- ✓ Please place in a box or bag prior to requesting a pickup

Plastic Film Recycling

- ✓ Grocery bags
- ✓ Shrink wrap
- ✓ Bubble wrap
- ✓ Dry food packaging
- ✓ Baggies
- ✓ Newspaper sleeve
- ✓ Cereal bags
- ✓ Ice bags

These materials go in a special recycling bin. Please do not mix with single stream. All material must be clean and dry prior to collection.

If you have a box full of the above, you can mail it to Evan Paret at Facilities Management (FM) 11 to be recycled.

Fun Facts!

- January to October 2017
- Over 3,000 lbs. of batteries have been recycled
- January to December 2017
- Over 30,000 lbs. of wood pallets have been recycled and/or reused



2018 TRACS Summit

The 2018 TRACS Summit will be hosted by Tarleton State University! Full details and the call for abstracts is coming soon.

SCHEDULE

March 27th

- Registration
- Dinner
- Networking/discussions

March 28th

- Natural landscape forum
- Breakout sessions*
- Keynote speaker

March 29th

- 2nd breakout sessions

*Breakout sessions will cover: energy efficiency, Student sustainability activities, Water run-off management, etc.

Kick-off Round Table



UT Dallas



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TRACS SUMMIT 2018

"Being Green in a Red County"

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Mayor of Georgetown, TX
Dale Ross



Tarleton State University
1333 W Washington St., Stephenville TX 76401

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Minutes

Start: 3:00 PM

Attendance

- Carolyn Reichert
- Lev Gelb
- Craig Lewis
- Eric Chen
- Rick Dempsey
- Evan Paret
- Robin Russell
- Kim Rahebi
- Logan Harless

- Greetings

- Minutes Approval
 - Minutes approved.
 - There was no objection.
 - Minutes are posted on the sustainability website.
 - <http://www.utdallas.edu/sustainability/committee/>

- Facilities Management / Sustainability Office
 - Tree Campus USA Recertification
 - We are currently in the process of re-submitting our application for the Tree Campus USA designation.
 - To be certified as a Tree Campus USA campus, we must meet various standards.
 - The standards include having a tree care plan, a tree advisory committee, dedicated expenditures toward tree management, a tree oriented service learning project and observance of Arbor Day.
 - The tree advisory committee is comprised of students, staff, faculty, and at least one community representative. Historically, specific members of the Sustainability Committee are chosen to be a part of the committee.

 - RecycleMania Planning
 - Evan will be meeting with a representative from Dining Services this week to discuss potential partnerships during Recyclemania.
 - This includes marketing support and having a promotion to encourage recycling during the event duration.
 - This is a good opportunity for student organizations to get involved and promote sustainability and recycling efforts at UT Dallas.
 - One goal that was set, was to have the Eco-Reps and/or another student organization host a table or have a presence during an athletics game to promote recycling on-campus.

- There was interest in capturing paper cup waste that is generated during Tennis games.
 - One idea that was brought up was to organize a housing recycling competition. Student Government may be able to help coordinate this and/or reach out to housing.
 - The Sustainability Office will reach out to Athletics and provide an update on recycling options during RecycleMania.
- Past Events
 - Texas Recycles Day; Nov. 15
 - During this event, Thea, Evan, and the Eco Reps visited BSB and NSERL to promote recycling at UT Dallas.
 - This also included making note of offices in need of recycling bins.
- Future Events 2018
 - Adopt-a-Highway; January
 - Butterfly Flutterby; February
 - TRACS Summit @ Tarleton State University; March
 - Earth Week; April
 - Confirmation of the dates will be given during the next Sustainability Committee Meeting.
 - Adopt-a-Highway entails a group of student volunteers cleaning a section of greenspace near the George Bush Tollway.
 - Butterfly Flutterby entails a group of student volunteers helping perform general maintenance at the Monarch Waystation. This may include weeding, mulching, and/or planting Milkweed.
 - TRACS Summit will entail multiple Texas universities partnering to offer speakers, workshops, and networking within the realm of sustainability.
 - <https://texascampussustainability.com/>
 - Earth Week planning meetings are taking place to iron out the details of the event in April.
- Discussion (around the table)
 - 2018 Meeting Schedule
 - The same time as this semester appears to work great.
 - In the event the meeting time is not working throughout the next semester, it can be changed and relocated if needed.
 - There are websites where we can track and learn more about Monarch Butterfly migrations.
 - <https://www.learner.org/jnorth/>
 - https://tpwd.texas.gov/publications/pwdpubs/media/pwd_rp_w7000_2070.pdf
 - The NSERL water bottle refilling stations are experiencing ticker errors. Evan will look into this.
 - A selection committee is being formed to recruit and interview for a new Associate Director of Energy Conservation and Sustainability.
 - The Sustainability Club is involved in food recovery initiatives. They are currently seeking partners in the community.

- Since January 2017, over 30,000 lbs. of wood pallets have been recycled and/or reused.
- From January 2017 to October 2017, over 3,000 lbs. of batteries have been recycled and diverted from the landfill.
- Over 50 lbs. of food was harvested at the final workday at the Community Garden.

End: 3:33 PM