

# 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
		✓	Fred Traylor
		✓	Valerie Hoops

- I. **Greetings**
- II. **Minutes Approval**
- III. **Facilities Management / Sustainability Office**
  - a. RecycleMania Partnerships
  - b. Recycling Bin Grant
  - c. Tree Campus USA Requirements
  - d. Eco Rep Projects
- IV. **Past Events**
  - a. None
- V. **Future Events 2018**
  - a. Butterfly Flutterby; February 26
  - b. TRACS Summit @ Tarleton State University; March 27-29
  - c. Earth Week; April 16-21
- VI. **Discussion (around the table)**
  - a. Recycling Scholarship
  - b. Textile Recycling Opportunity
  - c. Student Government Green Initiative



Join Dining Services and The Office of Sustainability during the 2018 RecycleMania competition from January to April. Bring 10 plastic bottles and cans to SU Outtakes, JSOM Coffee Corner, or DHW Papa Johns on-campus, and earn a free bottle of water. All recycling counts toward the competition. For more information, visit the UT Dallas Sustainability Website or contact [recycling@utdallas.edu](mailto:recycling@utdallas.edu)

## Fun Facts!

- UT Dallas supports Honeybees and other pollinators at the Monarch Waystation.
- There are four certified Monarch Waystations at UT Dallas.

Figure 1 Colorful wildflowers at the Monarch Waystation



Figure 2 Earth Week 2018 schedule as of current

## 7th annual UT Dallas Earth Week

	Monday, April 16	Tuesday, April 17	Wednesday, April 18	Thursday, April 19	Friday, April 20	Saturday, April 21
	Trade-In, Trade Up, Recycle (9am-5pm April 16-20, UTD Tech Store)					
8:00 AM						
8:30 AM						Garden Workday & Potluck (8:30-10:30am, Garden)
9:00 AM	Free Garden Workshop (9-10:30am, Garden)				Butterfly Flutterby (9-11am, Waystation)	
9:30 AM						
10:00 AM		Bee Hive Install #1 (10-11am, N. Apiary)	Bee Hive #3 (10-11am)	Research Panel (10-11am, TI)	Pop-Up Farmers Market (9am-1pm, Plinth)	
10:30 AM						
11:00 AM				Earth Fair (11am-1pm, SU Mall)		
11:30 AM						
12:00 PM						
12:30 PM						
1:00 PM	Free Garden Workshop (1-2:30pm, Garden)	Bee Hive Install #2 (North Apiary)				
1:30 PM						
2:00 PM		Operation Upcycle (2-4pm, Galaxy A)				
2:30 PM						
3:00 PM						
3:30 PM						
4:00 PM						
4:30 PM						
5:00 PM						
5:30 PM						
6:00 PM				Bee Hive Install #4 (North Apiary)		
6:30 PM				Honey Harvesting (North Apiary)		
7:00 PM	Cinematheque: An Inconvenient Sequel (7-9:30pm, SSA Auditorium)					
7:30 PM						
8:00 PM						
8:30 PM						
						Sustainability & OSV
						Meteor Theater
						Academics
						OSV
						Dining
						UTD Tech Store

## Minutes

Start: 3:00 PM

### Attendance

- Carolyn Reichert
- Lev Gelb
- Craig Lewis
- Rick Dempsey
- Evan Paret
- John McCaskill
- Robin Russell
- Fred Traylor
- Valerie Hoops
  
- 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
  - RecycleMania Partnerships
    - We are currently participating in RecycleMania, an international recycling competition. It ends on April 1.
    - We have formed new partnerships this year with Dining Services and Athletics.
    - Dining Services is sponsoring a promotion that includes a free bottle of water with the recycling of 10 aluminum cans and/or plastic bottles. These must be brought to the Papa Johns, SU Outtakes, or JSOM Coffee Corner locations to be reviewed by the cashier and placed in designated recycle bins.
    - Athletics will be accommodating the Sustainability Office and Eco Reps during the February 15 basketball game, which includes tabling, a halftime activity focused on recycling (recycle-relay), and announcement.
    - Intercom has published a blurb on recycling and RecycleMania late January.
    - There is interest in further marketing of RecycleMania and recycling using social media tools.
    - SU Dining area napkin dispensers include RecycleMania messages on them.
  
  - Recycling Bin Grant
    - UT Dallas was awarded a Coca Cola Foundation Recycling Bin Grant.
    - This includes 25, 60 gallon, blue-recycling bins.
    - Expected delivery of the bins is in March.
    - Requirements of the grant entail a publication and tracking of the materials.

- Tree Campus USA
  - The recertification application was submitted before the winter break.
  - We are currently waiting on the Arbor Day Foundation to send the email confirming our designation as Tree Campus USA 2017.
  - Per requirement of Tree Campus USA, we will be having a speaker 1x per semester at the committee meetings to talk about tree management at UT Dallas.
- Eco Rep Projects
  - The Eco-Reps/Sustainability Interns are working on a number of projects this semester.
  - RecycleMania projects include data collection and management, social media marketing and graphic design, and supporting & participating in partnership activities.
  - Other projects include Earth Week planning, support recycling operations and outreach, sustainability social media graphic development, and working to spread the sustainability message throughout campus.
- Past Events
  - None
- Future Events
  - Butterfly Flutterby
    - There will be a butterfly Flutterby event on February 26 from 9 AM to 11 AM.
  - TRACS Summit @ Tarleton State University
    - There will be a summit at Tarleton State University on March 27 to 29.
    - This summit will include workshops, speakers, and presentations related to sustainability and conservation.
  - Earth Week
    - Earth Week will be taking place from April 16 to 21.
    - The current schedule is on the back of the agenda.
    - A more up-to-date schedule will be provided at the next committee meeting.
    - Dr. Reichert and Dr. Gelb are looking into recruiting professors who can speak at the faculty research panel.
- Discussion (around the table)
  - Recycling Scholarship
    - There is a recycling scholarship at UT Dallas for students.
    - The cardboard recycling program managed by Facilities Management funds the scholarship.
    - Discussion took place to determine if there is interest in communicating with the Financial Aid or Development Office to integrate a sustainability-oriented requirement for the scholarship applicants.
    - More updates on the scholarships will be included at the next meeting.
  - Textile Recycling Opportunity
    - The World Wear Project offers textile (clothing, hats, shoes, purse, etc.) recycling at no cost.
    - The Sustainability Office is working with Housing to see if a bin may be placed near the residence halls or university village.
    - More updates will be available at the next meeting.

- Student Government Green Initiative
  - The Student Government has allotted \$8,000 toward green projects.
  - Students will have the opportunity to submit project proposals.
  - Student Government is putting together an ad-hoc committee to manage the project application and advertising process.
  - More updates will be available at the next meeting.
- There have been student requests for composting bins at housing.
  - Direct future requests to Evan and he will reach out to Housing to see if there is interest in hosting a compost bin.
- There was discussion on the university strategic plan and if sustainability would have a place within the plan.
  - A presentation was presented to the President's Cabinet on Monday, February 5, 2018 to highlight the growing popularity of sustainability at UT Dallas and available programs and activities.
  - In the presentation, it was noted that integrating sustainability into the strategic plan is of interest.
- The interviews for the new Sustainability Manager (Official: Associate Director of Energy Conservation and Sustainability) are currently taking place in February.
- Starbucks offers a reusable cup for students, staff, and faculty at UT Dallas. Using the reusable cups will award the users a discounted drink.
  - There is interest in helping promote this through social media.
- There was discussion on new, compostable Keurig pod options.
- There was discussion on future possibilities of integrating sustainability into academic programs.

End: 3:40 PM