

# Sustainability Committee Agenda

Green Hall (GR) 2.326

Attendance Checklist:

✓	Carolyn Reichert – Chair		Evan Paret
	Lev Gelb – Vice Chair		Fred Traylor
	John McCaskill		Mackenzie Hunter
	Craig Lewis	✓	Kim Rahebi
	Deborah Reynolds		Jennifer Good
✓	Joseph Campain	✓	Alice Presti
	Eric Chen		
	Calvin Jamison		
	Rick Dempsey		
✓	Gary Cocke		
	Robin Russell		

## I. Greetings

## II. Minutes Approval

## III. Facilities Management / Sustainability Office

- a. New Activated Contact Email
- b. RecycleMania Results
- c. World Wear Project
- d. Campus Sidewalk (in-progress)
- e. Water Bottle Refilling Stations

## IV. Past Events

- a. Earth Week; April 16-21
- b. E-Waste Recycling; April 16-20

## V. Future Events 2018

- a. Move In; TBD
- b. Viva Volunteer; TBD
- c. Arbor Day Texas; November 2

## VI. Discussion (around the table)

- a. No Vehicle Idling Guideline
- b. Sustainable Procurement Guideline
- c. Green Initiative

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RecycleMania 2018 Ranking			
Diversion	102	out of	170
Waste Minimization	12	out of	179
Total Recycling	100	out of	229
Per Capita Classic	182	out of	228
Food Organics	141	out of	168

What is Diversion?
<i>Total weight of recyclables and food waste diverted from total waste generated.</i>
What is Waste Minimization?
<i>Producing the least amount of recyclables, food organics, and trash on a per person basis.</i>
What is Total Recycling?
<i>The gross tonnage for recycling regardless of campus population.</i>
What is Per Capita Classic?
<i>Total recycling on a per person basis.</i>
What is Food Organics?
<i>Total pre-consumer food waste collected along with any other organic materials reported.</i>

## Fun Facts!

- Since inception, the water bottle refilling stations at UT Dallas have prevented over 2.3 million plastic bottles from entering the waste stream.
- Earth Fair 2018 acquired space in The City of Richardson's "Week In Review" as the City's Public Services Department participated in the event to talk about conservation, recycling, and sustainable practices.



Figure 1 - Butterfly Flutterby at Earth Week



Figure 2 – The City of Richardson's Public Services Department at Earth Fair during Earth Week 2018



Figure 3 - Sami "Eco Rep" after a honeybee hive install at the Monarch Waystation during Earth Week 2018

## Minutes

Start Time: 3:00 PM

- **Attendance**
  - Joseph Campain
  - Kim Rahebi
  - Alice Presti
  - Gary Cocke
  - Carolyn Reichert
- **Greetings**
- **Minutes Approval**
  - Quorum was not met
  - Minutes approval will take place at the next meeting
- **Facilities Management / Sustainability Office**
  - New Activated Contact Email
    - The sustainability office will be activating the [sustainability@utdallas.edu](mailto:sustainability@utdallas.edu) email
    - The [recycling@utdallas.edu](mailto:recycling@utdallas.edu) email will remain active, however, will be managed by the custodial team in charge of recycling pickups
  - RecycleMania Results
    - RecycleMania results are in
    - This was the first time UT Dallas has tracked trash and recycling during RecycleMania to compete in the recycling rate competition
    - UT Dallas did well this year with 12<sup>th</sup> place in waste minimization
  - World Wear Project
    - UT Dallas officially has clothing and textile recycling containers
    - The containers for collection are located near Res Lot North and near Phase two at Housing
    - This is a revenue-generating program, and supports sustainability projects and the Eco-Rep program.
  - Campus Sidewalk (in-progress)
    - Sidewalk sections are in the process of being added around campus
    - This will allow more outdoor walking and jogging opportunities for many students, staff, faculty and visitors
  - Water Bottle Refilling Stations
    - With over 40 water bottle refilling stations at UT Dallas, we have avoided over 2 million plastic bottles from entering the waste stream



- **Past Events**

- Earth Week; April 16-21
  - The impact results will be presented at the next sustainability committee meeting
  - Many students, staff, and faculty were engaged at the many events and activities that took place during the week
- E-Waste Recycling; April 16-20
  - Over 400 lbs. of electronic waste was recycled
  - The UTD Tech Store hosted this year's e-waste recycling event

- **Future Events 2018**

- Move In; TBD
  - Last year, over 7,000 lbs. of cardboard was collected and recycled
  - This year's Move-In dates will be available at the next sustainability committee meeting.
- Viva Volunteer; TBD
  - This is a big volunteer event that takes place every year
  - More details will be available as October approaches
- Arbor Day Texas; November 2
  - There are plans to have a tree planting and/or a tree-oriented service learning project
  - More details will be available as November approaches

- **Discussion (around the table)**

- No Vehicle Idling Guideline
  - There was discussion on implementation
  - One possibility for guideline promotion after the potential adoption by the sustainability committee is to integrate the no-idling information on the opposite side of parking stickers
  - For staff vehicles, developing an independent sticker with no-idling information may be a feasible option
  - More discussion to come at future committee meetings
- Sustainable Procurement Guideline
  - There was discussion on how to effectively support this guideline
  - One possibility is to make sustainable products first when searching for on-campus products (Ex. Filter option with green designation)
  - More discussion to come at future committee meetings
- Green Initiative
  - More details will be available at the next committee meeting

End Time: 4:00 PM