

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	✓	Roshni K.
	Calvin Jamison	✓	David Liner
✓	Rick Dempsey	✓	Stephanie Taylor
✓	Gary Cocke		
✓	Robin Russell		



I. Greetings

II. Minutes Approval

III. Facilities Management / Sustainability Office

- Used Binder Reuse Partnership
- Sustainability/Recycling Art
- Blanca Botello Garden
- DHW Food Waste Collections Update
- TRACS Executive Board Representation

IV. New Business

- UN Sustainable Development Goals Activity
- AASHE STARS Overview
- Committee Goals/Procedures
- Committee Report

V. Old Business

- No Vehicle Idling Guideline
- Sustainable Procurement Guideline

VI. Past Events

- Earth Week; April 16-21

VII. Future Events 2018

- Butterfly Flutterby; June 6
- Move In; August 14-17
- Viva Volunteer; October 27
- Arbor Day Texas; November 2

VIII. Discussion (around the table)

- Green Initiative
- Plastic Film Recycling; Trex Bench
- Green Office Certification Program

Fun Facts!

- UT Dallas has collected over 500 lbs. of plastic film and has been awarded a free Trex Recycling bench to be placed on-campus.
- Trex boards are made of 50% recycled bags/film and 50% scrap wood dust.



Minutes

Start: 3:00 PM

- Attendance
 - Carolyn Reichert
 - John McCaskill
 - Craig Lewis
 - Eric Chen
 - Rick Dempsey
 - Gary Cocke
 - Robin Russell
 - Evan Paret
 - Kelsey Lyle
 - Roshni K.
 - David Liner
 - Stephanie Taylor
- Greetings
 - Everyone who was in attendance introduced themselves
- Minutes Approval
 - There were no objections to approving the minutes
 - Minutes were approved
- Facilities Management/Sustainability Office
 - Used Binder Reuse Partnership
 - The Office of Sustainability has partnered with the Richardson ISD.
 - All used binders that are collected that were pending disposal will be collected by the sustainability office and transported to the RISD in support of programs that support students interested in going to college.
 - The FM shops cleanup resulted in over 50 binders being collected.
 - Sustainability/Recycling Art
 - A student managed a sustainability art project during the Oddities Exhibit at the SPN Art Gallery.
 - Student Government is interested in learning more about the project and engaging in a more artistic approach to raise awareness of sustainability initiatives.
 - Evan will reach out to the student and setup a meeting with the Sustainability Office and Student Government.

- Blanca Botello Garden
 - Please see photos below.
 - Delaney Conroy is an Eco-Rep within the sustainability office who is taking the lead in helping manage and maintain the garden.
 - In partnership with Student Government Green Initiative, Facilities Management will be installing a water spout and collection tank to utilize at the garden.
- DHW Food Waste Collections Update
 - The Sustainability Office and Executive Chef met with composting partners to review potential opportunities for future compostable dining-ware such as plates, cutlery, cups, etc...
 - This meeting was to raise awareness of new opportunities in the future.
 - Dining Services and students at UT Dallas collaborate with the Food Recovery Network to provide leftover food to local shelters in-need.
- TRACS Executive Board Representation
 - TRACS (Texas Regional Alliance for Campus Sustainability) 2019 is currently in the planning stage.
 - Gary has taken on the role as the Chair to the Communications Committee in support of the TRACS 2019 Conference.
- New Business
 - UN Sustainable Development Goals
 - World leaders adopted the [Sustainable Development Goals](#) in September 2015 at a UN summit.
 - These goals reflect the commitment of all countries to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure prosperity for all.
 - Each goal has specific targets. More details on the website.
 - The Office of Sustainability has embraced the concept of the SDG's and will work with the campus community to raise awareness on how to be more sustainable and how we as a university can strive to accomplish these goals.
 - AASHE STARS Overview
 - The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education, Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating system is a tool to track sustainability efforts and performance at an institution of higher education.
 - The next foreseeable submission of the AASHE STARS report is by summer 2019.
 - UT Dallas's first submission was in 2016, with a ranking of Bronze. The goal for the next submission is Silver.

- Gary will be leading efforts to compile information and data for the next AASHE STARS submission.
 - One of the goals for the next submission is to increase collaboration with the Sustainability Committee membership to acquire data and information on campus sustainability in Administration, Academics, Engagement, and Operations.
- Committee Goals/Procedures
 - There was discussion on whether to have defined committee goals outside of the committee charge.
 - Evan will develop a comparison of other university sustainability committee SOP's, and goals to review at the next committee meeting.
 - More discussion will take place at the next meeting.
- Committee Reports
 - There was discussion on the development of the annual committee report.
 - Dr. Carolyn Reichert (committee chair) will be reaching out to Dr. Goodman on how it was done in the past and to possibly acquire last year's report.
 - More discussion will take place at the next meeting.
- Old Business
 - No Vehicle Idling Guideline
 - This guideline will be re-presented at a meeting in the fall. This will allow for more committee attendance and awareness before an official vote.
 - Sustainable Procurement Guideline
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- Past Events
 - Earth Week; April 16-21
 - Details on the event impact can be found on the back of the agenda.
 - More details are on the [OSV website](#).
- Future Events 2018
 - Butterfly Flutterby; June 6
 - Students will be planting Gayfeathers at the Monarch Waystation.
 - Students will be pulling weeds at the Monarch Waystation.
 - Craig will be educating the students on how the Monarch Waystation was developed and how to perform the volunteer activities.

- Move In; August 14-17
 - Facilities Management teams will be meeting this week to discuss logistics.
- Viva Volunteer; October 27
 - More details to come at future meetings.
- Arbor Day Texas; November 2
 - More details to come at future meetings.
- Discussion (around the table)
 - Green Initiative
 - Joey, the Student Government Green Initiative Chairman will provide an update in the near future.
 - Food waste collection will be expanding into Housing for composting. Pending.
 - Plastic film collection will expand into Housing in the near future in partnership with the Sustainability Office, Student Government, and Housing. Pending.
 - Plastic Film Recycling; Trex Bench
 - UT Dallas participates in a plastic film-recycling program through Trex Recycling.
 - The company has a recycling challenge for participants. If 500+ lbs. of plastic film is recycled, then the company provides a free bench.
 - UT Dallas recently hit the mark and were awarded a free bench.
 - The Sustainability Office and Student Government will work on finding a good location for the bench.
 - Green Office Certification Program
 - The Sustainability Office is in the process of developing a Green Office Certification Program.
 - More details to come at future meetings.
 - Zero Waste
 - There was discussion on the possibilities of campaigning for a zero-waste program or a targeted percentage-recycling rate.
 - This is within the realm of possibilities in the near future dependent on success of recycling program expansion and raised awareness.

- Green Labs
 - The Office of Research is developing the framework for a [green labs initiative](#).
 - Samantha, an Eco-Rep with the Sustainability Office is researching opportunities that would support the green labs initiative.
 - More details to come at future meetings.
- Bee Campus USA
 - Kelsey, an Eco-Rep is working on developing a plan on how UT Dallas can become a Bee Campus USA member.
 - More details to come at future meetings.

End 4:00 PM

Appendix A (exhibit that displayed sustainability art project)

ODDITIES MFA 2018

Friday, May 18, 2018 – Saturday, June 9, 2018,
Venue: **The new SP/N Gallery at Synergy Park North 2**
Admission: **Free**
Season: **2017-18**

Address: **SP/N Gallery, 3020 Stewart Dr., Richardson, TX 75080**

Reception: **Friday, May 18, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

Exhibition Title: **Oddities**

Please join us in celebrating the accomplishments of six amazing MFA candidates:

Mo Murphy
Carlon Jackson
Amanda Marder
Clayton Harper
Denise Lion
Heather Valcik



The SP/N Gallery proudly presents Oddities MFA 2018, a diverse collection of work, encapsulating this significant milestone.

SP/N Gallery hours:

Sunday - Monday: **Closed**
Tuesday - Wednesday: **11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**
Thursday - Friday: **1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**
Saturday: **11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

For more information contact:

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Blanca Botello Garden



We're Basil and Swiss Chard!



FRESH BASIL PESTO RECIPE

difficulty: ***

Just press down, when exposed to air, so to move, come righty with plants, not needing over the plants, as touching the top of the plants and not allowing the plants have contact with air. The plants will keep growing longer than up.

INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups fresh basil leaves, packed (can sub half the basil leaves with baby spinach)
- 1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1/2 cup parmesan cheese (can sub with cheddar or mozzarella)
- 1/3 cup pine nuts (can sub with walnuts)
- 2 garlic cloves, minced (about 2 tablespoons)
- 1/2 cup fresh lemon juice (about 2 tablespoons)
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper, more to taste

1. Pickle basil and stem with in a food processor. Place the basil leaves and pine nuts into the bowl of a food processor and pulse a several times.
2. Add the garlic and cheese. Add the juice and parmesan or Romano cheese in pulse several times more. Scrape down the sides of the food processor with a rubber spatula.

3. Stream in the olive oil. While the food processor is running, slowly add the oil as a steady, steady stream. Add the olive oil slowly, while the processor is running. Once the oil is added, the pesto will be thick and creamy.
4. The pesto is now ready to use. Add the pesto to your dish. You can garnish for a quick snack, adding new herbs, or spread over crackers or bread slices of bread.

ABOUT ME:

Basil is most commonly used fresh in recipes. It is added at the last moment, as cooking quickly destroys the flavor. The fresh leaves are used in many dishes, including pasta sauce, pizza, and chicken. Basil is also used in teas, and in the form of essential oils. Basil is a member of the mint family, and is native to the Mediterranean region. It is a hardy plant, and can be grown in most climates. Basil is a member of the mint family, and is native to the Mediterranean region. It is a hardy plant, and can be grown in most climates. Basil is a member of the mint family, and is native to the Mediterranean region. It is a hardy plant, and can be grown in most climates.

EASY SWISS CHARD RECIPE

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The chard is a leafy green vegetable, and is a member of the beet family. It is a hardy plant, and can be grown in most climates. Chard is a member of the beet family, and is native to the Mediterranean region. It is a hardy plant, and can be grown in most climates. Chard is a member of the beet family, and is native to the Mediterranean region. It is a hardy plant, and can be grown in most climates.

INGREDIENTS

- 1 large bunch of fresh Swiss chard
- 2 cups olive oil
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- 1/2 cup parmesan cheese (can sub with cheddar or mozzarella)
- 1/3 cup pine nuts (can sub with walnuts)
- 2 garlic cloves, minced (about 2 tablespoons)
- 1/2 cup fresh lemon juice (about 2 tablespoons)
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper, more to taste

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Wash the chard leaves thoroughly. Remove the stems, and cut the leaves into 1-inch pieces. Chop the stems into small pieces. Place the chard and stems in a large bowl.
2. Sauté garlic and crushed red pepper. Heat the olive oil in a large pot on medium heat. Add the garlic, crushed red pepper, and crushed red pepper. Cook for 5 minutes, until the garlic is golden brown. Add the chard and stems to the pot. Cook for 10 minutes, until the chard is tender. Add the parmesan and pine nuts. Cook for 5 minutes, until the pesto is thick and creamy.

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BENEFITS OF SWISS CHARD

• Helps to prevent cancer with its cancer-fighting properties

• Reduces the swelling caused by inflammation

• Helps to regulate blood sugar levels

• Improves blood circulation in body

• Reduces risk of diabetes and stroke

• Improves bone growth and development

• Promotes muscle regeneration and repair

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