

# Sustainability Committee Agenda

Green Hall (GR) 2.326

## Attendance Checklist:

Name	Committee Position	Attendance
<b>Quorum = 4 Voting Members Present</b>		
Carolyn Reichert	Chair (Vote)	X
Marilyn Waligore	Vice Chair (Vote)	X
Sy Han Chiou	Faculty (Vote)	
Craig Lewis	Staff (Vote)	X
Deborah Reynolds	Staff (Vote)	
Jennifer Good	Student (Vote)	X
Joey Campain	Student (Vote)	X
Calvin Jamison	Ex Officio (No Vote)	
Rick Dempsey	Ex Officio (No Vote)	X
Robin Russell/ John Walls	Ex Officio (No Vote)	X
Gary Cocke	Ex Officio (No Vote)	X
Evan Paret	Staff Support	X
Sami Manuel	Visitor	
Aleks Adamopoulos	Visitor	
Morganne Blaylock	Visitor	
Alice Presti	Visitor	
Kim Rahebi	Visitor	X
Aaron Koehler	Visitor	
Erica Black	Visitor	X
Zach Greensberg	Visitor	X
John McCaskill	Visitor	X
Donovan Bays	Visitor	X
	Visitor	
	Visitor	

- I. **Greetings**
- II. **Minutes Approval**
- III. **Speaker**
  - a. None
- IV. **New Business**
  - a. None
- V. **Facilities Management / Sustainability Office**
  - a. Tree Management/Tree Campus USA
  - b. Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory
  - c. Composting Updates
  - d. Green Office Certification
  - e. Awards & Recognitions
  - f. Website Updates
- VI. **Old Business**
  - a. None
- VII. **Past Events**
  - a. Viva Volunteer; Oct. 27
  - b. Comet Compost Training; Nov. 6
  - c. Pop Up Farmers Market; Nov. 6
- VIII. **Future Events**
  - a. Sustainability Summit; Nov. 9
  - b. Alternative Spring Break Info; Nov. 26
  - c. Community Garden Orientation; Nov. 30
- IX. **Discussion (around the table)**



Figure 1: UT Dallas is now officially a Bee Campus USA!



## Viva Volunteer 2018



## Minutes

Start 4:00 PM

- Attendance
  - Carolyn Reichert
  - Marilyn Waligore
  - Craig Lewis
  - Jennifer Good
  - Joey Campain
  - Rick Dempsey
  - Robin Russell
  - Gary Cocke
  - Evan Paret
  - Kim Rahebi
  - Erica Black
  - Zach Greensberg
  - John McCaskill
  - Donovan Bays
- Greetings
  - Everyone around the table introduced themselves.
  - The student voting members have been appointed.
- Minutes Approval
  - There were no objections to approving the October minutes.
  - Minutes approved.
- Speaker
  - None
- New Business
  - None
- **Facilities Management / Sustainability Office**
  - Tree Management/Tree Campus USA
    - Evan provided an overview of tree management practices at UT Dallas.
    - UT Dallas is in the process of gathering information for [Tree Campus USA](#) Recertification.
    - Jennifer Good, Sustainability Club President, and Mike Sills, a Regional Urban Forester with [Texas A&M Forest Service](#) are the new student and community members of the Tree Advisory Committee.
    - The [Tree Public Viewer](#) is available on the sustainability website.
    - For any questions on trees at UT Dallas, please contact Evan so he can direct your inquiry.



- To be a Tree Campus USA, you must adhere to five standards.
  - Standard One: Have a Tree Advisory Committee
  - Standard Two: Have a Tree Care Plan
  - Standard Three: Have A Tree Program w/ Dedicated Expenditures
  - Standard Four: Observe Arbor Day
  - Standard Five: Have a Service Learning Project
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory
  - Eco Rep Morganne Blaylock is working on the development of a greenhouse gas emissions inventory.
  - Gary provided an overview on what the inventory will consist of and how it will benefit efforts to earn a higher ranking through [AASHE STARS](#).
- Composting Updates
  - The last comet compost training of the semester took place November 6.
  - Over 65 participants have signed up and completed the Comet Composting Training in 2018.
  - Each training includes program details, an introduction to how and why the program exists, and provision of a caddy to collect food waste.
  - Training sessions will continue into spring 2019 (dates tbd).
  - There is interest in having a training opportunity during Earth Week 2019.
  - Over 14,000 lbs. of food waste was diverted for composting in Sept. & Oct. 2018.
- Green Office Certification
  - Five offices at UT Dallas have become [Green Office Certified](#) as of current.
  - Over 60 “I Make UTD Green” mugs have been distributed.
  - All you have to do to be certified is fill out a worksheet found on the sustainability website, save it, and then send it to Evan.
  - This is a great way to earn a certificate, recognition, and get some free cool mugs.
- Awards & Recognitions
  - UT Dallas is now certified as a [Bee Campus USA](#) university for efforts toward being a pollinator friendly campus.
  - UT Dallas received recognition via [Texan by Nature](#) for efforts toward being a nature friendly campus.
- Website Updates
  - The sustainability website has undergone a few changes.
  - The drop-down was reorganized into categories of Engagement, Operations, Sustainability Committee and Contact Us.
  - As the website content continues to diversify, more categories are coming in the near future.

- Old Business
  - None
- Past Events
  - Viva Volunteer; Oct. 27
    - The Sustainability Office and OSV partnered this year to celebrate trees during Viva Volunteer.
    - Twenty-Six fruit trees planted in the resident hall courtyards.
    - The chosen trees included two varieties of peach and plums.
    - Mr. Jeff Raska, a Dallas County Horticulturist from the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension provided the education component to help teach volunteers about the trees and how to care for them.
  - Comet Compost Training; Nov. 6
    - This was the last training for this year.
    - Future trainings are in the process of being scheduled via Student Government.
  - Pop Up Farmers Market; Nov. 6
    - Dining Services hosts a Pop Up a few times per semester.
    - This usually includes freshly cooked food samples and a small organic-oriented market.
- Future Events
  - [Sustainability Summit](#); Nov. 9
  - [Alternative Spring Break Info](#); Nov. 26
  - [Community Garden Orientation](#); Nov. 30
- Discussion (around the table)
  - Green Initiative
    - Composting trainings in the spring are in the process of being scheduled.
    - Sustainability Club is working to get the blue recycling bins distributed to residential students living on-campus before the end of the semester.
      - There are 380 small recycling bins.
      - An agreement document is being developed.
    - There are efforts to enhance marketing for the Meatless Monday's initiative with Dining Services.
    - There are efforts to get the light switch stickers distributed in Housing locations.
    - Joey is pushing forward on the green fee proposal. More updates at next meeting.
  - Craig received a donation of milkweed seeds that he will be propagating in the Greenhouse soon.
  - During Viva Volunteer, 511 Comets/student volunteers were engaged and completed 2,555 hours of volunteer service on-campus and in the community.
  - There was discussion on the John Bunker Sands Wetland Center and educational opportunities.

- There was discussion on whether it would be feasible to consider expanding LEED activity to include O&M projects.
- There was discussion on the feasibility of developing an Alumni tree program.
  - A potential alternative would be a plaque being installed on a tree or having a dedicated space on-campus where no development may happen to support a similar project/program.
- There will be a speaker at the next meeting.

End 5:01 PM