

# 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)      |            |
| Sy Han Chiou                             | Faculty (Vote)         |            |
| Craig Lewis                              | Staff (Vote)           | X          |
| Deborah Reynolds                         | Staff (Vote)           |            |
| Jennifer Good                            | Student (Vote)         |            |
| Joey Campain                             | Student (Vote)         | X          |
| Calvin Jamison                           | Ex Officio (No Vote)   |            |
| Doug Tomlinson                           | Ex Officio (No Vote)   |            |
| 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 Greenberg                           | Visitor                |            |
| John McCaskill                           | Visitor                | X          |
| Donovan Bays                             | Visitor                |            |
| Bernine Khan                             | Visitor                |            |
| Mario Lozano                             | Visitor/Housing Coord. |            |

- I. Greetings
- II. Minutes Approval
- III. Speaker
- IV. New Business
- V. Facilities Management / Sustainability Office
  - a. Please see updates on page 2 of agenda
- VI. Old Business
- VII. Past Events
  - a. Trade-In, Trade-Up, Recycle; Apr. 10-26
  - b. Earth Week; Apr. 22-26
  - c. Callier Event w/ Kids; Apr. 18
  - d. Sustain. Ambassador Workshop, Apr. 18
- VIII. Future Events
  - a. Sustain. Service Honor Ceremony; May 1
- IX. Discussion (around the table)
  - a. Summer meeting dates/times



Figure 2 Emily Stinnett, a former Eco-Rep makes a pledge on the pledge tree during Earth Fair



Figure 1 Butterfly Flutterby & Bio Blitz Staff and Volunteers during Earth Week 2019

- a. Earth Week
  - i. Spirit Rock
  - ii. E-Waste Recycling
  - iii. Garden Workshops
  - iv. LEED Gold Engineering Building Tour
  - v. Bee Hive Installs
  - vi. eARTH-a-rama: Every Litter-Bit Hurts
  - vii. Operation Upcycle
  - viii. EarthX Film Screening
  - ix. Earth Fair
  - x. Sustainability Research Panel
  - xi. Butterfly Flutterby & Bioblitz
  
- b. Mural @ Blanca Botello
  - i. The water catchment at Facilities Management has successfully received an artistic touch in collaboration with the Art UTD Student Organization and The Office of Sustainability on April 19, 2019.
  
- c. National Wildflowers Week
  - i. Celebrate wildflowers at UT Dallas and nationwide during the first week of May!
  
- d. National Bike Month
  - i. May is the National Bike Month, sponsored by the League of American Bicyclists.
  
  - ii. There are five known bike repair stations on-campus and many bicycle racks to encourage bicycling on-campus rather than driving. Each repair station has a QR code linking to a how-to fix your bike video.
  
- e. Clean Air Action Day
  - i. Air North Texas will be hosting the annual Clean Air Action Day on June 21, 2019. UT Dallas was invited to support this effort to help improve air quality. This can include, but is not limited to carpooling, biking, walking, and/or taking public transit. More ideas found on the Air North Texas website.
  
- f. Trees at UT Dallas - Update
  - i. The University of Texas at Dallas manages over 7400 trees on-campus through a system called ArborPro. With this system, Facilities Management can track tree installations, removals, work history, and total tree inventory.
  
  - ii. With an established Tree Care Plan, Tree Advisory Committee, Tree-Dedicated Expenditures, and Arbor Day Observation Events & Service Learning Projects, UT Dallas has been designated as a Tree Campus USA campus through the Arbor Day Foundation for the past 2 years.



Figure 3 During Earth Week, the UTD Tech Store collects E-Waste for recycling. E-Recycler is our recycling partner. This year, 517 lbs. of e-waste was recycled

## Minutes

Start 4:00 PM

- **Attendance**
  - Carolyn Reichert
  - Craig Lewis
  - Joey Campaign
  - Robin Russell
  - Gary Cocke
  - Evan Paret
  - Kim Rahebi
  - Erica Black
  - John McCaskill
  
- **Greetings**
- **Minutes Approval**
  - There were no objections to the approval to the minutes
  - Minutes approved
  
- **Speaker**
  - No speaker
  
- **New Business**
- **Facilities Management / Sustainability Office**
  - Please see updates on page 2 of agenda
  - For any questions, please ask at the end of the meeting
  
- **Old Business**
  
- **Past Events**
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- **Future Events**
  - Sustain. Service Honor Ceremony; May 1
    - The activity has been rescheduled due to weather
  
- **Discussion (around the table)**
  - Summer meeting dates/times
    - The same location and time for the meetings will work great
  - Building Tour
    - There is interest in acquiring a TAMU Agrilife Building tour
    - There is interest in acquiring a water university tour
  - FM Updates
    - There was discussion and highlights on the earth week events
    - It is National Wildflower Week; enjoy and celebrate the native/colorful wildflowers at UT Dallas

- There was discussion about the possibility of a sustainable service story. More details to come.
- There was discussion about a community garden story. More details to come.
  
- Green Initiative Committee
  - Joey, the Green Initiatives Committee Chair through Student Government is graduating and a new committee chair was voted in. More details to come
  
- Comet Composting Program
  - New training dates, times, and locations will be discussed soon
  - As graduation approaches, there needs to be a process in place to track returned bins
  
- Recycling in Housing
  - Over 300 recycling bins were distributed in housing apartments
  - As graduation and move out takes place, there needs to be an inventory of distributed bins
  - This will ensure the bins remain on-campus
  - The overall goal is to integrate the bins into the standard inventoried items in the apartments

End 4:45 PM