

Sustainability Committee Agenda

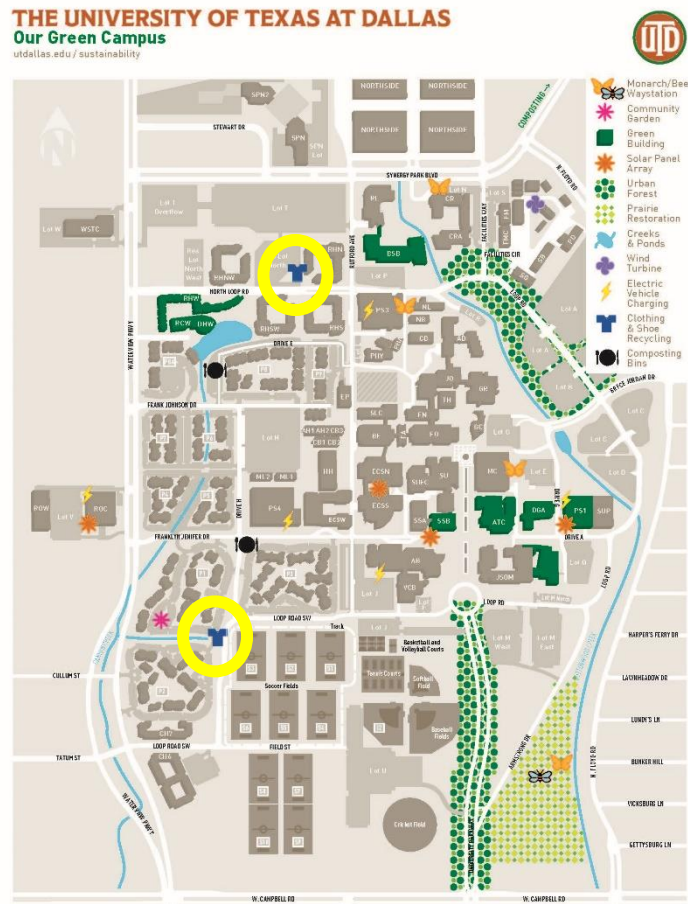
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Attendance Checklist:

Name	Committee Position	Attendance
Quorum = 4 Voting Members Present		
Carolyn Reichert	Chair (Vote)	
Lev Gelb	Vice Chair (Vote)	
Lloyd Dumas	Faculty (Vote)	
Craig Lewis	Staff (Vote)	
Deborah Reynolds	Staff (Vote)	
Kara Peak	Student (Vote)	
Genna Campain	Student (Vote)	
Calvin Jamison	Ex Officio (No Vote)	
Doug Tomlinson	Ex Officio (No Vote)	
Robin Russell/ John Walls	Ex Officio (No Vote)	
Gary Cocke	Ex Officio (No Vote)	
Caitlin Griffith	Staff Support	
Aleks Adamopoulos	Visitor	
Alice Presti	Visitor	
Kim Rahebi	Visitor	
Aaron Koehler	Visitor	
Erica Black	Visitor	
Zach Greenberg	Visitor	
John McCaskill	Visitor	
Marilyn Waligore	Visitor	
Donovan Bays	Visitor	
Bernine Khan	Visitor	
Mario Lozano	Visitor/Housing Coord.	

- **Greetings**
- **Speaker**
 - Dr. Michael Carriaga – Comets to the Core
- **New Business**
- **Sustainability Office**
 - 2 New Eco Reps Incoming
 - Campus Clean Up Program Update
 - Trash and Recycling Differentiation
 - Oozeball Shoe Recycling & Compost
 - RCE of Americas Annual Conference Update
- **Old Business**
 - Patagonia Case Competition
 - Outreach to alumni
- **Past Events**
 - Garden Workday – Sept 14
 - Butterfly Flutterby – Sept 17
 - Bio Blitz – Sept 25
- **Future Events**
 - October – AASHE Sustainability Month
 - Native Texas Plant Week – Oct 14 – 18
 - Garden Workday – Oct 19
 - AASHE Conference – Oct 26 – 30
 - Viva Volunteer – Oct 26
 - Texas Arbor Day – Nov 1
- **Discussion (around the table)**

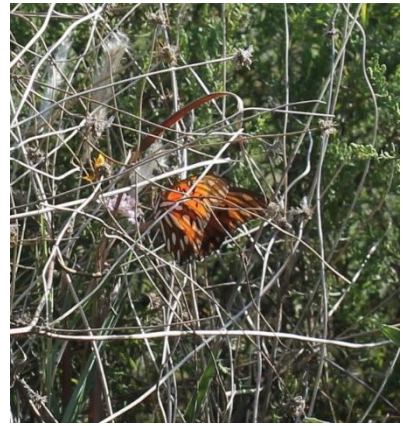
OoS collected 34 pairs of shoes from Oozeball for World Wear Project recycling, potentially saving ~76,000 gallons of water. (It takes ~ 2,250 gallons of water to make a single pair of shoes)



Butterfly Flutterby 9.17.19



Bio Blitz 9.25.19



About the Patagonia Case Competition

This one-of-a-kind case competition redefines the relationship between business and a healthy planet.

Graduate students from across the US tackle the interconnected business and sustainability aspects of a current, real-life issue facing the outdoor gear retailer Patagonia. In the first round of competition, interdisciplinary teams submit solutions to a case developed by the Berkeley-Haas Case Series and Patagonia. Senior leaders from Patagonia review all submissions and select finalists to present their solutions to Patagonia executives in person at Berkeley Haas.

For students at Berkeley Haas and beyond, this case competition is an unparalleled opportunity to work on a pressing corporate sustainability issue with one of the most forward thinking companies in the world. Not to mention a unique source of fresh perspectives and innovative ideas for Patagonia leadership. As the competition enters its 5th year, we've compiled an extended overview of the competition's drive to solve Patagonia's most pressing sustainability challenges [here](#).

2020 Patagonia Case Competition

Key Dates

- Sep. 2019: Topic for the case released
- Nov. 2019: Rules posted
- Jan. 2020: Team sign up deadline
- Jan. 2020: Case Released
- Feb. 2020: Case proposals due
- March 2020: Finalists announced
- April 2020: Finalist presentations

Register

Team registration is closed. Please check back in fall of 2019 to register for the 2020 Patagonia Case Competition.

Prize

The top three teams receive cash prizes. All finalists get to engage with Patagonia executives at the Haas School of Business during the final competition round. The top teams also get to visit Patagonia's Ventura, California headquarters to experience Patagonia's culture and discuss the implementation of their solution. Surfing and exploring with the Patagonia team included!

Rules

Official rules for the 2019 Patagonia Case Competition can be found [HERE](#). Please review these rules carefully when forming a team and preparing submission materials.

Past Case Competition Topics

2019 Case Topic

Patagonia desires research-driven and scalable solutions that lessen the environmental impact of single-use packaging. This case asks how Patagonia can distribute all its food and apparel products in packaging that is reusable, biodegradable, renewable, or easily recyclable by 2025.

Meeting Begins: 2:04 PM

Attendance:

- Carolyn Reichert
- Lloyd "Jeff" Dumas
- Gary Cocke
- Caitlin Griffith
- Michael Carriaga
- Craig Lewis
- Dorian Evans
- Robin Russell
- Tayler Atkins
- Kara Peak
- Erica Black
- Kim Rahebi

• Greetings

- Everyone introduced themselves.

• Speaker

- Dr. Michael Carriaga – Comets to the Core
 - Students work in teams to propose a multi-faceted solution to a selected global, real-world problem. This year's theme is **childhood poverty** (SDG 1). The course is designed to help students develop skills in critical thinking, communication, problem-solving, teamwork, and social responsibility. The course is required by students their first semester and again their third year. It does not count toward the students' GPA. There is a new topic every two years.
 - Committee can support initiative by being positive, sending inquiries to Michael, and sharing ideas moving forward. Additionally, members may volunteer to be on the Committee for Assessment to analyze student projects.
 - There is concern that the course doesn't affect students' GPAs. Many expressed desiring the course to be at minimum pass/fail.

• New Business

- Zero Waste
 - Carolyn suggested that the Committee encourage SU vendors to use more sustainable materials. This topic has been brought up by Green Initiative and Food Advisory Committee as well.
 - Carolyn or Gary will reach out to Auxiliary Services for advisement.
- Texas Renewable Energy Conference
 - Businesses, schools, nonprofits and other entities are making arrangements to be at UT Dallas Friday, November 12th for their 3rd annual conference.
- Texas Campaign for the Environment (TCE)
 - Their current initiative is Zero Waste DFW. Their strategy includes market-based and policy objectives that aim to reduce wasted materials in our economy.
 - Gary proposed that the committee invite Kevin Richardson from TCE North Texas to come speak to the Committee next meeting (November 6). Committee decided to extend invitation.

• Sustainability Office

- 2 New Eco Reps Incoming
 - Lorena will be involved in RCE and TREAS. She is a senior Public Affairs major.

- Sophia will be Co-Chair of the Bee Campus USA Committee
- Campus Clean Up Program Update
 - Julia is working with Caitlin to develop a monthly litter pickup across campus.
- Trash and Recycling Differentiation
 - Waste Management has painted landfill bins **beige** and **'recycle' magnets** have been placed on recycle bins.
- Oozeball Shoe Recycling & Compost
 - Students donated 34 pairs of shoes after playing Oozeball. World Wear Project clothing recycling bins were utilized to recycle shoes. Composting was also featured at the event at lunch.
- RCE of Americas Annual Conference Update
 - It was UT Dallas's first attendance to the conference. Entities from Argentina to Saskatchewan were represented. Gary spoke on his class's partnership with Wylie ISD addressing food waste.
- **Old Business**
 - Patagonia Case Competition
 - This may be tricky to pursue within a single school considering the team requirements. Carolyn is still figuring out how to get started with this, if possible.
 - Outreach to alumni
 - Carolyn has reached recently out for advice regarding this, but has not heard back quite yet.
- **Past Events**
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 - Q: Biodiversity study on campus?
 - A: No
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 - Q: Definition of Sustainability
 - A: Centered around AASHE STARS report:
 - Operations
 - Student Engagement
 - Faculty Involvement
 - City of Richardson has received a grant from Degree Deodorant for building bike paths.
 - Q: How can the Committee promote meetings to a larger audience?
 - Q: Can TCE assist with Zero-Waste initiative?

Meeting Ends: 3:07 PM