

Sustainability Committee Agenda

SLC 3.102

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	
Mario Lozano	Visitor/Housing Coord.	
Aleks Adamopoulos	Visitor	
Alice Presti	Visitor	
Kim Rahebi	Visitor	
Aaron Koehler	Visitor	
Erica Black	Visitor	
John McCaskill	Visitor	
Marilyn Waligore	Visitor	
Donovan Bays	Visitor	
Bernine Khan	Visitor	
Helia Alaghemand	Visitor	
Aandal Sridas	Visitor	

- **Greetings**
- **Speaker (10min)**
 - Texas Campaign for the Environment
 - Corey Troiani – DFW Program Director
 - Kevin Richardson – DFW Zero Waste Organizer
- **New Business (10min)**
 - Waste Reduction Updates
 - Single Use Plastics
 - Long Term Goals
- **Old Business (5 min)**
 - Comets to the Core Update
 - Trash & Recycling Differentiation
- **Past Events (10min)**
 - Garden Workday – Oct. 19
 - Viva Volunteer – Oct. 26
 - <https://utdallas.box.com/s/gi16drjt8izazqs3tmkzmiy8x1x0brz3>
 - Texas Arbor Day – Nov. 1
- **Future Events (10min)**
 - DCCCD Sustainability Summit – Nov. 8
 - <https://www.dcccd.edu/au/sustainability/events/summit/pages/default.aspx>
 - America Recycles Day – Nov. 15
- **Sustainability Office (5 min)**
 - 2 New Eco Reps have started
 - Lorena – RCE
 - Sophia – Bee Campus USA
- **Discussion (around the table) (10min)**

Garden Workday

Oct. 19th



Viva Volunteer

Oct. 26th



Meeting Minutes

Start: 2:02pm

Attendance:

- Carolyn Reichert
- Lev Gelb
- Craig Lewis
- Gary Cocke
- Caitlin Griffith
- Michael Carriaga
- Jeff Dumas
- Kevin Richardson
- Corey Troiani
- Lorena Moreno
- Aandal Sridas

- **Greetings**

- **Speaker (10min)**

- Texas Campaign for the Environment
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 - Plastics
 - Only 2% of all plastics are recycled in a usable way.
 - 36-53% of plastics are recyclable.
 - Plastics are designed to be thrown away.
 - Food Waste –
 - US wastes 40% of all food, 63 million tons annually.
 - Economic impact: Annual loss of \$218 billion.
 - We need to ban/heavily reduce single-use plastics.
 - Composting is necessary for campus eateries and dining halls.
 - A universal recycling and zero waste plan is crucial.
 - Ex: UC Berkeley
 - i. 54% diversion rate (original goal of 90%).
 - ii. Solution: Circular economy/Upstream changes.

- **New Business (10min)**

- Waste Reduction Updates
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 - Gary proposed considering a multi-stream recycling system now that China is not accepting recyclables.
 - UTD does a great job composting in DHW, but should progress elsewhere.
 - UTD does a good job collecting plastic film, metal, batteries, etc.
 - Gary proposed waste planning be part of the sustainability master plan.
 - Gary proposed moving forward with a zero-waste plan with Sustainability Committee, Student Government, ECO, Roosevelt.
- Aandal – Roosevelt
 - Working on banning single-use plastics from meal program.

- Helia – ECO
 - Launching a campaign to ban single-use plastics.
 - Launching petition Nov. 18th, tabling at The Plinth.
 - Creating group chat of all officers of all green orgs to collaborate.
 - Genna – Green Initiative, SG
 - Identifying what materials are contracted by vendors, how to amend contractual agreements.
 - Kevin – TCE
 - Recommended we challenge one SU location to go zero-waste.
- **Old Business (5 min)**
 - Trash & Recycling Differentiation
 - FM owned landfill bins are painted beige, Recycle bins green with large ‘Recycle’ decal.
 - Housing own bin updates forthcoming.
 - Comets to the Core
 - The Office of Assessment is gearing up for the review phase of the core curriculum assessment process where we will assess a sample of videos submitted by about 30% of Comets to the Core teams (roughly 400 videos). Office of Assessment staff will assess 200 of these videos, but we are asking for some assistance in assessing the remaining 200 videos. Currently, we have volunteers from the Core Curriculum Committee, the University Assessment Committee, and Student Government, but we are in need of about 4 additional volunteers.
 - Volunteers are asked to commit to approximately 6 hours of work across 1 week in January (exact date has yet to be determined). Volunteers will meet on Monday of that week to complete a training session, but will complete the remainder of their work on their own time throughout the week.
 - Monday (10am-1pm): Rubric calibration training session in which volunteers are trained to apply the rubrics to the videos (lunch will be provided)
 - Tuesday-Friday (approximately 3 hours): Volunteers will independently assess 10 videos each at a time that is convenient to them
 - Email: Michael.Carriaga@utdallas.edu
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 - Follow Office of Sustainability on Social Media!
 - Instagram: @utd_sustainability
 - Facebook: UT Dallas Office of Sustainability

End: 2:59 p.m.