

# Sustainability Committee Agenda

SLC 3.102

Attendance Checklist:

| Name                                     | Committee Position       | Attendance |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| <b>Quorum = 4 Voting Members Present</b> |                          |            |
| 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 Alaghamand                         | ECO President            |            |
| Aandal Sridas                            | Roosevelt Representative |            |

- **Greetings**
- **New Business (5 min)**
- **Continuing Business (30 min)**
  - Waste Reduction Efforts Overview – Dr. Reichert
  - ECO Update – Helia Alaghamand
  - Roosevelt update – Aandal Sridas
  - Zero Waste Discussion
- **Past Events (5min)**
  - DCCCD Sustainability Summit – Nov 8
  - Garden Workday – Nov 16
  - OSV Homelessness and Hunger Awareness Harvest Party – Nov 19
- **Future Events (5min)**
  - Garden Workday – Dec 7
  - Eco-Rep Alek's Graduation Party – Dec 13
- **Sustainability Office (10 min)**
  - Newsletter Update
  - Social Media Update
  - Eco-Rep Blog – The Greenhouse
  - STARS Gap Analysis Complete
  - Sustainability Report Update
  - Sustainability Master Planning Research In Progress
  - Aleks is graduating!
  - Bee Campus USA Update
  - Spring 2020
    - Recyclemania
    - Earth Week (50<sup>th</sup> Earth Day!)
    - Bike Friendly University – need Eco Rep
    - Campus Clean Ups
    - Sustainability Service Honors Grad!
    - ASB
- **Discussion (around the table) (10min)**

DCCCD  
Sustainability  
Summit

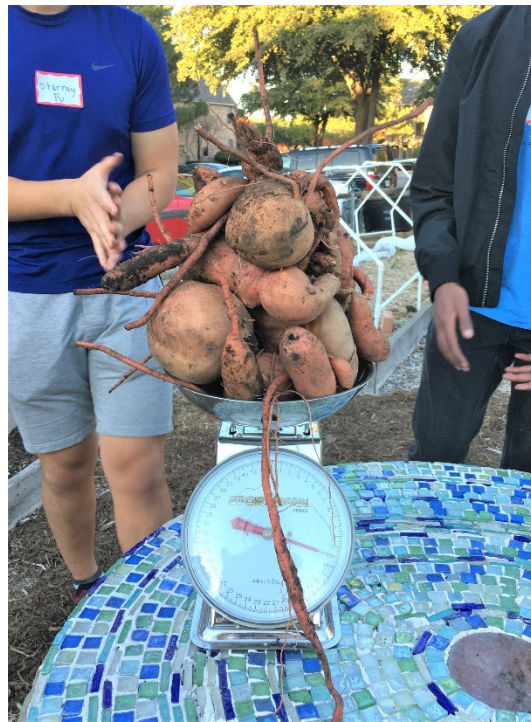
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OSV Harvest  
Party

11/19



## Attendance:

- Gary Cocke
- Caitlin Griffith
- Carolyn Reichert
- Craig Lewis
- Kara Peak
- Robin Russell
- Genna Campain
- Jeff Dumas
- John McCaskill
- Chef Gene Christiano – Chartwell's
- Pam Stanley – Chartwell's

## Meeting Start: 2:03pm

- **Greetings**
- **Continuing Business**
  - Waste Reduction Efforts Overview – Dr. Reichert
    - Zero Waste at UTD will take lots of different parties and lots of time.
  - ECO Update – Helia Alaghamand
    - Not present
    - Environmental Conservation Organization
    - Role: Demonstrating student support for addressing waste on campus.
    - Putting together a survey addressing if students would value the university taking steps to address waste on campus.
    - Will get going on this in the Spring Semester
  - Roosevelt update – Aandal Sridas
    - Not present
    - Policy organization
    - Role: Zero Waste policy research.
    - Looking at Cal State System to address single use items on campus.
    - Genna: Some policy ideas are written out, but not finalized enough to submit.
    - Carolyn: Does UT Austin/system have any sort of policy in place?
    - Gary: At the system level, there is a sustainability policy that speaks in very broad language. No mandate to reduce single-use plastics by a date.
  - Zero Waste Discussion
    - Carolyn: It's important to break up this process into stages. We don't want to make policy that isn't inclusive and isn't thoughtful
    - Chef Gene: Dining model is about control. We can control no straws, reusable take out boxes, etc. We can't control franchises/retail. Phases are important. Dining services is passionate about this and would like to be part of the solution. It's taken 8 years to get where we are with Organix and composting. As an operator, he thinks there need to be more controls. Send out Seattle University/Chartwell's waste policy.



- Pam Stanley: People get more comfortable with reusable materials slowly but surely. Coca Cola is even starting to consider what they can do differently, which is huge. This is going to be a very lengthy “what can we do to change the entire arena” process.
- Gary: Cal State policy (2018) will be included in the minutes, as well as Seattle University (a Chartwell’s school).
  - Calls out plastic bottles – remove by Jan. 2021 with a 25% reduction rate each year
  - Calls out plastic straws – remove immediately
  - Calls out plastic bags – remove immediately
  - Styrofoam – remove by 2021
  - Single-use plastic items with materials that are reusable, locally compostable and/or recyclable should be used to replace what was removed.
  - Committee members should look at the included policy:
    - Is it feasible?
    - What does the timeline look like?
    - What barriers do you foresee?
    - Hold discussion at next meeting.
- Gary – Eventually we will be getting a new Union. That would change the landscape of food service at those franchise locations. Does this seem like an opportunity to pursue something more impactful with single use items in food service?
- Pam Stanley – We will still likely have contracts with those franchises. Internally, there might be a couple things here or there.
- Gene –It’s something we can discuss, but can’t say yes or no.
- Carolyn – It’s also important to find ways to change the students’ mindset. We’ll touch on this again at the next meeting to get everyone’s input. The Sustainability Committee is a central meeting place for the Zero-Waste discussion.
- Kara Peak – Are we also addressing transportation and carbon emissions?
- Gary –Dart Rail, Bike Friendly University, etc. That isn’t included in the Zero-Waste scope of work, but is being addressed by the University.
- Gary – Baseline research for pursuing a Sustainability Master Plan has been performed with the help of an intern. Gary will present research on how a Sustainability Master plan, including waste planning may be pursued.
- **Past Events (5min)**
  - DCCCD Sustainability Summit – Nov 8
    - Craig, Gary, Caitlin, 4 students attended.
    - Covers everything from operations to social justice.
  - Garden Workday – Nov 16
    - Dealing with some rabbits and early freeze.
  - OSV Homelessness and Hunger Awareness Harvest Party – Nov 19
    - In partnership with OSV.
    - Worked with computer engineer and science majors.
- **Future Events (5min)**
  - Garden Workday – Dec 7
  - Eco-Rep Alek’s Graduation Party – Dec 13
- **Sustainability Office (10 min)**
  - Newsletter Update
    - Newsletter now includes “The Greenhouse” blog for Eco Reps: <https://utdecoreps.home.blog/>
  - Social Media Update
    - Gained 42 organic Instagram followers in November
    - Facebook gained a couple, still rather slow to catch on.

- STARS Gap Analysis Complete
  - Sitting on the edge of Gold. Have doubled points on campus sustainability!
  - We will continue to build on success with gap analysis.
- Sustainability Report Update
  - Draft of Sustainability Report is being shared.
- Sustainability Master Planning Research In Progress
- Aleks is graduating!
  - Hiring for 3 Eco Reps
- Bee Campus USA Update
  - Fall meeting
  - Ambitious plan with many outreach events in the spring
- Spring 2020
  - RecycleMania
  - Earth Week (50<sup>th</sup> Earth Day!)
  - Bike Friendly University – need to hire an Eco Rep to lead this project.
  - Campus Clean Ups – Starting up in 2020!
  - Sustainability Service Honors Graduates
  - ASB – Childhood poverty in McAllen
- **Discussion (around the table) (10min)**
  - No meeting in January
  - Send out a Doodle Poll to Sustainability Committee Meetings

Meeting Ends: 2:40pm