

Sustainability Committee Agenda

Attendance Checklist:

| Name | Committee Position | Attendance |
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| Quorum = 4 Voting Members Present | | |
| Carolyn Reichert | Chair (Vote) | X |
| Lev Gelb | Vice Chair (Vote) | |
| Lloyd Dumas | Faculty (Vote) | X |
| Craig Lewis | Staff (Vote) | X |
| Lori Matthews | Staff (Vote) | |
| Kara Peak | Student (Vote) | |
| Genna 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 |
| Caitlin Griffith | Staff Support | |
| Sarina Mak | ECO Vice President | X |
| Aandal Sridas | Roosevelt Representative | |
| Mario Lozano | Visitor – Housing | X |
| Taylor Lawson | Visitor – Housing | X |

- **Greetings**
- **New Business (5 min)**
- **Continuing Business (30 min)**
 - Waste Reduction Efforts Overview – Dr. Reichert
 - ECO Update – Helia Alaghemand
 - Roosevelt update – Aandal Sridas
 - Zero Waste Discussion
- **Past Events (5min)**
 - Campus Cleanup – Jan. 18th
 - MLK Day of Service – Jan. 24th
 - Community Garden Workday – Jan. 25th
- **Future Events (5min)**
 - Campus Cleanup – Feb. 8
 - RecycleMania – Feb. 2 – Mar. 28th
 - National Butterfly Day – Mar. 11th
 - ASB – Mar. 15th – 20th
- **Sustainability Office (10 min)**
 - Newsletter Update
 - Social Media Update
 - Eco-Rep Blog – The Greenhouse
 - STARS rating
 - Sustainability Report Update
 - Sustainability Master Planning Research In Progress
 - New Eco Reps!
 - Trenton Moore
 - Paulina Hruskoci
 - Caroline Lonneman
 - Bee Campus USA Update
 - Tree Campus USA Update
 - Spring 2020
 - RecycleMania
 - Earth Week (50th Earth Day!)
 - Bike Friendly University
 - Campus Cleanups
 - Sustainability Service Honors Grad!
 - ASB
- **Discussion (around the table) (10min)**

Meeting Start: 1:02PM

- **Greetings**
- **New Business** (5 min)
- **Continuing Business** (30 min)
 - Waste Reduction Efforts Overview – Dr. Reichert
 - ECO Update – Sarina Mak
 - Petition on single-use plastics ban
 - URL https://utdallas.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_ctBna4kJh4xWPY1
 - Carolyn – Recommended opening a petition for faculty & staff
 - Sarina – ECO will be promoting it in the next 2 – 3 weeks
 - Carolyn – Recommended having the petition present at Earth Week to gather signatures.
 - Roosevelt update – Aandal Sridas
 - Not Present
 - Zero Waste Discussion
 - Cal State Policy
 - Jeff – What do we replace plastics with?
 - Carolyn – Bring your own reusable use items. Which raises even more questions.
 - Mario – Banning them campus wide would be too much, but isolating to Visitor’s Center could be implementable.
 - Carolyn – Liked the idea of staggering implementation and varying materials.
 - Carolyn – We need to bring Organix into the conversation. Will they compost compostable plastics if we make the change?
 - Gary – Organix should be able to compost the compostable plastics, since they are on an industrial scale.
 - Carolyn – Is the whole process more sustainable, from start to finish, for reusable products over that of which we are replacing? This should be researched.
 - Jeff – To what extent do we use plastic-ware?
 - Carolyn – SU. University events. The process is something to keep in mind.
 - Carolyn – A key to the Cal State policy is that its initiative was driven by board of trustees.
 - Carolyn – We should try to do the straws, bags, etc. I don’t think we’ll be able to force it. The food one might be easier. Some plastics we could make a good argument for.
 - Jeff – There’s a problem with the plastic ban. We don’t know the technological advancement for the future.
 - Carolyn – We could encourage the use of alternatives until that happens.
 - Jeff – We could encourage the use of least-waste materials.
 - Mario – Maybe in phases, as a chief stakeholders, Chartwell’s can ban them in SU since it is in their domain. Encourage finding something else to offer.
 - Carolyn – It’s tricky with vendors.
 - Seattle U. Chartwell’s Policy & Campus Efforts
 - Carolyn – Liked Imperfect food use for Dining
 - Gary – Food Maven, an industrial Imperfect Food, will be coming to Dallas to open second market. Gary will set up meeting.
 - Genna – Likes the locally- & responsibly-sourced food aspect.
 - Carolyn – The only thing Cal State did not address is events. Need verbiage addressing student and faculty events.
 - Genna – Student Org events are from SOC, so we could address the policy there.

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- **Sustainability Office** (10 min)
 - Newsletter Update
 - STARS Announcement – Gold!
 - Social Media Update
 - 240 in January to 272 in February
 - Eco-Rep Blog – The Greenhouse
 - Sophia
 - Reflection on Campus Cleanup
 - Recipe for Overnight Oats
 - STARS rating
 - Announcing Gold within Sustainability Report
 - Sustainability Report Update
 - Sustainability Master Planning Research In Progress
 - New Eco Reps!
 - Trenton Moore – Sustainable Semesters & Sustainability Service Honors
 - Paulina Hruskoci – Bike Friendly University
 - Caroline Lonneman – Garden, Campus Cleanup, Composting Education
 - Bee Campus USA Update
 - 90% done with recertification
 - Tree Campus USA Update
 - Recertified for 2019!
 - Spring 2020
 - RecycleMania
 - Earth Week (50th Earth Day!)
 - ECO – Cow-spiracy film screening
 - Bike Friendly University
 - Campus Cleanups
 - Sustainability Service Honors Grad!
 - ASB
 - Childhood poverty, ARISE Adelante, McAllen, TX
- **Discussion (around the table)** (10min)
 - Craig – Why Cal State and SU?
 - Gary recommended Cal State, Chef Gene recommended SU.
 - Gary – If you find any other policy the committee should review, please let us know.
 - Carolyn – Call for volunteers to work on policy.
 - **Taylor, Mario, Genna, Gary, Sarina, & Craig** all volunteered.
 - Gary – ECO and Roosevelt can provide info to leadership on policy.
 - Gary – By the end of the semester, hopefully we can lean against something from Student Government, have the backing of students.

- Carolyn – Should we specify policy to plastics, or to all that SU encompasses?
- Craig – Plastics. The more energy we can put into a single idea, why not make the baby steps into that one direction?
- Gary – Campus Master Plan will address these other issues we are considering.
- Carolyn – Propose putting together policy on plastics and tweak as needed specific to UTD.
 - Quorum reached
 - Carolyn to provide general dates.

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Meeting End: 1:43PM