Sustainability Committee Agenda

Attendance Checklist:

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- **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 (5 min)**
  - Campus Cleanup – Jan. 18th
  - MLK Day of Service – Jan. 24th
  - Community Garden Workday – Jan. 25th
- **Future Events (5 min)**
  - 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) (10 min)**
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](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)
  o Newsletter Update
  ▪ STARS Announcement – Gold!
  o Social Media Update
  ▪ 240 in January to 272 in February
  o Eco-Rep Blog – The Greenhouse
  ▪ Sophia
    ▪ Reflection on Campus Cleanup
    ▪ Recipe for Overnight Oats
  o STARS rating
  ▪ Announcing Gold within Sustainability Report
  o Sustainability Report Update
  o Sustainability Master Planning Research In Progress
  o New Eco Reps!
    ▪ Trenton Moore – Sustainable Semesters & Sustainability Service Honors
    ▪ Paulina Hruskoci – Bike Friendly University
    ▪ Caroline Lonneman – Garden, Campus Cleanup, Composting Education
  o Bee Campus USA Update
    ▪ 90% done with recertification
  o Tree Campus USA Update
    ▪ Recertified for 2019!
  o Spring 2020
    ▪ RecycleMania
    ▪ Earth Week (50th Earth Day!)
      ▪ ECO – Cow-sspiracy film screening
    ▪ Bike Friendly University
    ▪ Campus Cleanups
    ▪ Sustainability Service Honors Grad!
    ▪ ASB
      ▪ Childhood poverty, ARISE Adelante, McAllen, TX

• **Discussion (around the table)** (10min)
  o Craig – Why Cal State and SU?
    ▪ Gary recommended Cal State, Chef Gene recommended SU.
  o Gary – If you find any other policy the committee should review, please let us know.
  o 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.

Meeting End: 1:43PM