

# Sustainability Committee Minutes for March 2, 2020

GR 3.606

## Attendance Checklist:

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

- **Greetings**
- **New Business (5 min)**
- **Continuing Business (30 min)**
  - Waste Reduction Efforts Overview – Dr. Reichert
  - Update on policy drafting – Dr. Reichert
  - Update on environmental footprint of sustainable products v. single-use.
  - GI update – SOC single-use policy
  - ECO Update
  - Roosevelt update
  - Zero Waste Discussion
- **Past Events (5min)**
  - Raising Cans Competition – Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Community Garden Workday – Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>
- **Future Events (5min)**
  - RecycleMania – Feb. 2 – Mar. 28<sup>th</sup>
  - Mt. Trashmore – Mar. 4<sup>th</sup>
  - Campus Cleanup – Mar. 7<sup>th</sup>
  - National Butterfly Day – Mar. 11<sup>th</sup>
  - TCUSA Field Day, Chicago – Mar. 12<sup>th</sup>
  - ASB – Mar. 15<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>
  - TRACS Summit – Mar. 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>
  - Earth Week – Apr. 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>
- **Sustainability Office (10 min)**
  - Newsletter Update
  - Social Media Update
  - Eco-Rep Blog – The Greenhouse
  - Sustainability Report Update
  - Sustainability Master Planning Research In Progress
  - Bee Campus USA Update
  - Spring 2020
    - RecycleMania
    - Earth Week (50<sup>th</sup> Earth Day!)
    - Bike Friendly University
    - Campus Cleanups
    - Sustainability Service Honors Grad!
    - ASB
- **Discussion (around the table) (10min)**

Meeting Start: 1:05PM

- **Greetings**
- **New Business** (5 min)
- **Continuing Business** (30 min)
  - Waste Reduction Efforts Overview – Dr. Reichert
  - Update on policy drafting – Dr. Reichert
    - The main focus of successful policies is on single-use plastics from caterers and vendors.
    - A large initiative from students is required for policy implementation. Faculty and staff can support students. **Recommended petition of 800 – 1000 signatures**, though it is believed UTD can get more.
    - Washington U did a cost-benefit analysis that quantified justifications. UTD should pursue this.
    - Most policy implementations were phased in within 3 – 4 years.
    - Policy options:
      - Voluntary ban of single-use plastics (like we are now).
      - Ban some but not all (straws/utensils).
      - Ban on all single-use with recommendations for alternatives.
  - Update on environmental footprint of sustainable products v. single-use.
    - No update
  - GI update – SOC single-use policy.
    - Not present
  - ECO Update
    - Zero Waste petition to be at **Mt. Trashmore 3/6** and **Earth Fair 4/23**
  - Roosevelt update
    - Not present
  - Zero Waste Discussion
    - Carolyn – We can support as much as we can, but must ultimately be led by students. Everyone needs to be on board to make it work.
- **Past Events** (5min)
  - Raising Cans Competition – Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>
    - FM raised ~380 cans for Comet Cupboard
    - Facilities “Can”agement made a replica of the SU Mall featuring the dead magnolia tree.
    - Took second place in our first year participating! (Office of Research took first)
  - Community Garden Workday – Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>
    - Volunteers harvesting 12.4 lbs of turnips, radishes, mint, kale, mustard, and arugula.
    - Reorganized the greenhouse, seed starting, transplanting, weeding, mulching.
- **Future Events** (5min)
  - RecycleMania – Feb. 2 – Mar. 28<sup>th</sup>
  - Mt. Trashmore – ~~Mar. 4<sup>th</sup>~~ **Mar. 6<sup>th</sup>!**
  - Campus Cleanup – Mar. 7<sup>th</sup>
    - Cleaning up athletic fields
  - National Butterfly Day Crafting – Mar. 11<sup>th</sup>
    - Make pom-pom bees and paper wildflowers, identify monarchs v. viceroys, and take a waystation tour! 11 – 2:30pm, SU lower level.
  - TCUSA Field Day, Chicago – Mar. 12<sup>th</sup>
  - ASB – Mar. 15<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>
    - Childhood poverty in McAllen, TX.
    - RUO – Caitlin Griffith

- ARISE Adelante
- TRACS Summit – Mar. 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>
  - Gary presenting on zero-waste DHW and ECSW with SageGlass
  - Caitlin presenting on campus citizen science opportunities like the bioblitz
- Earth Week – Apr. 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>
  - Discuss Sustainability Committee Presence
  - Mock Climate Debate
  - Operation Upcycle
  - No research panel
  - JSOM to have a sustainability conference the week before Earth Week
- **Sustainability Office (10 min)**
  - Newsletter Update
  - Social Media Update
  - Eco-Rep Blog – The Greenhouse
  - Sustainability Report Update
    - Look for a NewsCenter accolade in April!
    - Printed on recycled paper using renewable energy.
    - Highlights all that we do in operations, engagement, academics, & administration.
  - Sustainability Master Planning Research In Progress
  - Bee Campus USA Update
    - Submitted! Thanks, Sophia!
  - Spring 2020
    - RecycleMania
    - Earth Week (50<sup>th</sup> Earth Day!)
    - Bike Friendly University - Paulina
    - Campus Cleanups
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Cost benefit analysis – Eco Reps or JSOM volunteer or Roosevelt member to help for credit? TBD.

  - Need usage data for bottles/straws/etc. from Auxiliary Services
  - Carolyn to send out the policy to volunteers.

Meeting End: 1:43PM