# Sustainability Committee Minutes for April 6, 2020

## Attendance Checklist:

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<td>Carolyn Reichert</td>
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<td>Lev Gelb</td>
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## Meeting Details

- **Time:** 1:00 PM
- **Location:** Microsoft Teams

## Meeting Agenda

- **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)**
  - RecycleMania – Feb. 2 – Mar. 28
  - Mt. Trashmore – Mar. 4
  - Campus Cleanup – Mar. 7
  - National Butterfly Day – Mar. 11
  - TCUSA Field Day – Mar. 12
- **Future Events (5min)**
  - Gardening Preparedness Webinar – Apr. 8
  - Digital Earth Day – Apr. 22
- **Sustainability Office (10 min)**
  - Project Updates
    - Bee Campus USA
    - Tree Campus USA
  - Social Media Update
  - Newsletter Update
  - Eco-Rep Blog – The Greenhouse
- **Discussion (around the table) (10min)**
Meeting start: 1:04pm

• **Greetings**
  - Online meeting through MS Teams

• **New Business (5 min)**
  - Earth Week has been moved online – Digital Earth Day
  - Bron Clayton is up for Cintas Custodian of the Year! Vote for him daily at [https://www.custodianoftheyear.com/custodian-of-the-year/#vote](https://www.custodianoftheyear.com/custodian-of-the-year/#vote)

• **Continuing Business (30 min)**
  - Waste Reduction Efforts Overview – Dr. Reichert
    - Pulled info from UCLA for strategy
      - Within a six month period, ruled out packing foam and Styrofoam.
      - Set up through university purchasing.
      - Green spend, responsibility spend, and sustainability spend.
  - Update on policy drafting – Dr. Reichert
    - Anyone wanting to work on Zero Waste/Plastic Bans should email Carolyn so she can add members to the Teams group.
    - carolyn@utdallas.edu
  - Update on environmental footprint of sustainable products v. single-use.
  - GI update
    - SOC is not being responsive to email.
  - ECO Update
    - Over 700 signatures
    - Goal of at least 1000
    - Brainstorming ways to reach students virtually.
      - Creating a Digital Earth Day Video
  - Roosevelt update
    - Not present
  - Zero Waste Discussion

• **Past Events (5min)**
  - RecycleMania – Feb. 2 – Mar. 28
    - Officially over – though a bit early due to COVID-19.
  - Mt. Trashmore – Mar. 4
    - Successful in spite of the raincheck. GI, ECO, CCL, and Eco Reps all had tables. ECO gathered 161 signatures for petition.
  - Campus Cleanup – Mar. 7
    - Picked up about 40lbs. of trash & recyclables.
  - National Butterfly Day – Mar. 11
    - A successful turnout for people to craft and learn about pollinators.
  - TCUSA Field Day – Mar. 12
    - Shared UT Dallas’s work on improving our campus canopy with other colleges and universities.

• **Future Events (5min)**
  - Gardening Preparedness Webinar – Apr. 8
    - Participants learned how to prepare garden beds, how to make fertilizer, and what crops to plant.
  - Digital Earth Day – Apr. 22
    - OoS is crowdsourcing sustainability (defined by UN SDGs) videos from students, faculty, staff, and community partners. Submit a video by April 15th!

• **Sustainability Office (10 min)**
  - Project Updates
- Bee Campus USA
  - Creating a Fall BCUSA plan, drafting volunteer structure for students to aid in honey harvesting, crushing, etc.
- Tree Campus USA
  - Creating an approved tree list for campus construction standards, planning the next TCUSA tree advisory committee meeting.
- Social Media Update
  - Up to 356 followers on Instagram, 50 on FB.
- Newsletter Update
  - Covers Digital Earth Day, the gardening webinar, an op-ed by Gary, and the story of sustainability at UTD.
- Eco-Rep Blog – The Greenhouse
  - Sophia – Green Reads
  - Paulina – Social Distancing, Not Nature Distancing
  - Caroline – The Human Side of Sustainability
  - Yen – Sustainable Self-Care Ideas
  - Trenton – Coronavirus: A Few Things That Stifle America
- Discussion (around the table) (10min)