

Sustainability Committee Minutes for April 6, 2020

Microsoft Teams

Attendance Checklist:

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

- **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>
- **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)**