

Sustainability Committee Minutes for May 4, 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 Cocks	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, Teams group – Dr. Reichert
 - Update on environmental footprint of sustainable products v. single-use.
 - ECO Update
 - Roosevelt update
 - Zero Waste Discussion
 - Custodian of the Year
- **Past Events (5min)**
 - Gardening Preparedness Webinar – Apr. 8
 - Digital Earth Day – Apr. 22
- **Future Events (5min)**
- **Sustainability Office (10 min)**
 - Project Updates
 - Bee Campus USA
 - Tree Campus USA
 - RecycleMania Results
 - Social Media Update
 - Campaign for NTFB donation drive
 - Follower count
 - Likes
 - Newsletter Update
 - Congrats, Sustainability Service Honorees!
 - #WhooshAwayHunger
 - Reflecting on Digital Earth Day
 - RecycleMania Results (Food Waste)
 - Sustainable Semesters
 - Gardening Preparedness Webinar
 - What we accomplished in AY 19-20
 - Eco-Rep Blog – The Greenhouse
 - Saying No to Single-Use Plastics Paulina
 - The 5 R’s – Yen
 - Remote Volunteering – Caroline
 - Leave No Trace - Sophia

Meeting Start: 1:02PM

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 - Reach out to Carolyn to be included in the MS Team
 - Update on environmental footprint of sustainable products v. single-use.
 - No update
 - ECO Update
 - ~850 signatures on single-use plastics ban petition
 - Roosevelt update
 - New members introduced at meeting. May provide insight to policy drafting in the future.
 - Zero Waste Discussion
 - Carolyn moves that OoS supplies policy draft with input from sustainability committee.
 - Quorum not present, Carolyn to request email vote.
 - Post Landfill Action Network (PLAN) provides guidance on how to organize committee so stakeholders can navigate process on single-use plastics and purchasing. They also provide case studies. By end of summer, we will have a pretty clear way forward.
 - https://www.postlandfill.org/bffp-pledge/?doing_wp_cron=1588616039.8874969482421875000000
 - Carolyn proposes that OoS and Teams committee move forward with working on this project over the summer.
 - Custodian of the Year
 - Bron was not #1 in the result but remains #1 in our hearts. 😊
- **Past Events** (5min)
 - Gardening Preparedness Webinar – Apr. 8
 - Accessible by [Zoom link](#).
 - Digital Earth Day – Apr. 22
 - 31 videos gathered covering 16 of 17 SDGs.
 - Videos to be preserved in library archive.
 - <https://utdallas.edu/sustainability/campus/earthday/>
- **Future Events** (5min)
- **Sustainability Office** (10 min)
 - Project Updates
 - Bee Campus USA
 - Honey Helpers volunteer structuring
 - GREEN Grant for pollinator & community gardens, rainwater harvesting system.
 - Tree Campus USA
 - Approved tree list to supplement UTD construction standards.
 - RecycleMania Results
 - Food Waste: 16 / 144
 - Diversion: 114 / 144
 - Per Capita Classic: 103 / 191
 - BFU
 - Gathering data to finish application.

- Social Media Update
 - Campaign for NTFB donation drive
 - \$1 = 3 meals!
 - Follower count
 - Instagram: 420
 - Facebook: 63
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- **Discussion (around the table) (10min)**
 - It was proposed that we have an informal meeting over the summer to catch up!

Meeting End: 1:35pm