

# Sustainability Committee Agenda

Microsoft Teams

Attendance Checklist:

Name	Committee Position	Attendance
<b>Quorum = 4 Voting Members Present</b>		
Dorothee Honhon	Chair (Vote)	x
Eric Schlereth	Vice Chair (Vote)	x
Stephanie Taylor	Faculty (Vote)	x
Julia Maddox	Staff (Vote)	
Lori Matthews	Staff (Vote)	
	Student (Vote)	
Allyson Deverse	Student (Vote)(Green Initiative)	x
Calvin Jamison	Ex Officio (No Vote)	
Doug Tomlinson	Ex Officio (No Vote)	x
Robin Russell/ John Walls	Ex Officio (No Vote)	x
Gary Cocke	Ex Officio (No Vote)	x
Caitlin Griffith	Staff Support (No Vote)	x
Taylor Lawson	UTD Housing Representative	x
Will Heitman	ECO Representative	x
Genna Campain	Roosevelt Representative	
Carolyn Reichert	Guest – Past Chair	x
Paulina Hruskoci	Eco Rep	x
Caroline Lonneman	Eco Rep	x
Anne Hart	OSV Coordinator	x
Kim Rahebi	Guest	x
Dorian Evans	Assistant Director of Research	x

**Greetings (10 min)**

- Introductions
- What is the Sustainability Committee?

**Continuing Business (20 min)**

- Waste Reduction Efforts Overview – Dr. Reichert
  - UT Dallas is a leader in sustainability in North Texas.
  - The goal is to reduce and eventually eliminate single-use plastics on UT Dallas campus.
  - This project began Fall of 2019.
- Update on policy drafting – Dr. Reichert
  - Eco Rep Paulina has done a wonderful job in developing policy that the committee could support. This would serve as a framework of a plan UT Dallas could follow.
  - The policy drafted is not yet complete. More information is required. [\(Highlighted in blue\)](#)
    - Cost benefit analysis
    - Single-use plastics waste v. campus waste generated
  - **Next step:** Review policy. Begin working on missing sections.
- ECO petition Update
  - Submitted petition to OoS
  - Gathered over 800 signatures from UTD students
- Zero Waste Discussion
  - Review if ECO should make the petition live and gather more signatures from students, faculty, staff
  - Student government expressed support of this project

- **Past Events (5min)**
  - Gary speaks at ERG – Sept. 10
    - Gary spoke to Employee Resource Group
      - Spoke on how sustainability relates to sustainability
        - AASHE STARS
          - i. Association for the Advancement of Higher Education
          - ii. Sustainability Tracking and Assessment Rating System
            - 1. UT Dallas is the most sustainable university in North Texas with AASHE STARS Gold ranking!
  - Bee Balcony Workshop – Sept 18th
- **Future Events (5min)**
  - AASHE Sustainability Month
    - Virtual Bioblitz – Oct. 5 - 11
    - Conservation Conversations – Oct. 7
      - CCL
      - Bipartisan
      - Roosevelt National
    - Bee Balcony Workshops – Oct. 16, Nov. 20
    - Green Convene – Oct. 8
    - You, Me, & Sustainability – Oct. 22
    - Imagining a Zero Waste Campus – Oct. 19
    - Zero Waste Trivia Night – Oct. 23
    - Viva Volunteer – Oct. 24
- **Sustainability Office (10 min)**
  - Project Updates
    - AASHE Campus Sustainability Month
    - OoS Website Refresh
    - Provost Video
    - Sustainability HR Training
  - Social Media Update
    - Instagram follower count
      - OoS Instagram – 560 (420 in May)
      - Eco Rep Instagram – 113 (0 in May 😊)
    - Facebook Likes
      - 79 (63 in May)
  - Newsletter Update
    - October is AASHE Campus Sustainability Month!
    - Climate Change & Natural Disasters
    - Green Work Spaces – at Home and at Work
  - Eco Rep Blog – The Greenhouse
    - The Green Convene
    - Introducing the New “Recycling” Page
    - Bee Balcony Workshops
  - Gary
    - USDA "Project Green" Grant to plant NE Corner of Synergy & Waterview. Site is 10 acres, looking to seed about 3 acres this Fall.

- In progress to restore food waste service @ DHW, UV locations and adding a bin to Northside.
- 2 presentations to be given at Dallas College Sustainability Summit, Nov 6
  - Service Learning and Sustainability
  - RCE – Regional Center of Expertise
- BCUSA Webinar presentation on Nov 12 over student engagement through BCUSA
- SDG Impact report in progress
- Bicycle Friendly University Application to be submitted to League of American Bicyclists by Oct 20
- Meeting set with Communications to discuss video content
  - Office intro
  - Recruitment collateral
  - Earth X collaboration
  - Campus Tour on map
- TRACS/RCE Summit Collaboration coming at end-of-march.
- Discussion (around the table) (10min)
  - GI
    - Sustainability guide
    - Working on affordable meal plan – increase accessibility to healthy food
    - Providing content for AASHE Campus Sustainability Month
    - Expanding information mediums for sustainability
      - Podcast
      - Visibility of farmers’ markets
      - Water initiatives