

# 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
Jan Gebhard	Staff (Vote)	X
Lori Matthews	Staff (Vote)	
Allyson DeVerse	Student (Vote) / Green Initiative Representative	
Anastasia Whittemore	Student (Vote)	x
Calvin Jamison	Ex Officio (No Vote)	
Doug Tomlinson	Ex Officio (No Vote)	
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	
Will Heitman	ECO Representative	x
Genna Campain	Roosevelt Representative	
Dorian Evans	Visitor	x
Caroline Lonneman	Visitor	x
Paulina Hruskoci	Visitor	x
Marilyn Waligore	Visitor	x
Carolyn Reichert	Visitor	x
Lev Gelb	Visitor	x
Kim Rahebi	Visitor	x

- **Greetings (5 min)**
  - Welcome Jan & Anastasia
- **Continuing Business (30 min)**
  - Waste Reduction Efforts Overview – Dr. Honhon/Dr. Reichert
  - Update on Single Use Plastic Policy Research – Dr. Honhon/Dr. Reichert
  - Feedback on [single-use plastic ban policy](#)
- **ECO Update (5 min)**
- **Green Initiative Update (5 min)**
- **Sustainability Office Update (10 min)**
- **Past Events**
  - AASHE Global Conference for Sustainability in Higher Education – October 20-22
  - Dallas College 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Sustainability Summit – November 6
    - UTD presentations over teaching SDGs and RCE North Texas
  - UTD - Bee Campus USA Webinar Presentation - Nov 12
  - Honors College Roundtable Conversation – Nov 13
  - AASHE Sustainability Month
    - Imagining a Zero Waste Campus – Oct. 19
    - Zero Waste Trivia Night – Oct. 23
    - Viva Volunteer – Oct. 24
    - You, Me, & Sustainability – Nov. 4
    - Texas Arbor Day – Nov. 6
    - Green Office Training – Nov. 13
- **Future Events**
  - Bee Balcony Workshop – Nov. 20
- **Discussion (around the table) (5min)**



Meeting Begins: 1:31PM

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    - Jan – Staff appointment, been in Auxiliary Service since 2014.
    - Anastasia – Sophomore, Economics major.
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    - This is a working draft.
    - Highlights what other universities have done.
    - Changes made based on feedback:
      - Clarified that we are not addressing laboratory plastics.
      - Added links to particular sources/universities.
      - Waste at UTD is not a complete section – more data is needed.
      - Left open the opportunity to include faculty and staff in the petition.
      - Still needs a cost-benefit analysis. Paulina offered using OZZI as a resource.
        - Disposable units purchased annually and price of these units, estimates of OZZI machines we would like to purchase.
    - Post Landfill Action Network asks that the highest-ranking member of a university (President) sign a pledge to ban single use plastics. UT Dallas would be featured on PLAN website.
    - Gary recommends asking University of California system to share data points, guidance, cost benefit analysis, and to serve as reviewers for UT Dallas.
      - Dorothee recommends recruiting a UC System contact as a speaker to a future meeting.
      - Paulina will put together slides for the spring. She will also put slides together to present to faculty.
    - Jan suggests the data could be tracked down through Chartwells. Auxiliary could be a resource. Jan will investigate data within Auxiliary Services.
    - Will offered opening a new petition specific to faculty and staff.
    - Lev recommends going through faculty senate first.
    - Paulina recommends urging Student Government to pass a resolution early spring semester.
- **ECO Update (5 min)**
  - Invited a speaker from a wildlife federation for final meeting to talk about conservation.
  - Received a donation of seeds from OoS. [Mailing wildflower seeds to students](#). Have received 32 ordered as of last night.
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