

Sustainability Committee Agenda

Microsoft Teams

Attendance Checklist:

Name	Committee Position	Attendance
Quorum = 4 Voting Members Present		
Dorothee Honhon	Chair (Vote)	x
Eric Schlereth	Vice Chair (Vote)	
Stephanie Taylor	Faculty (Vote)	x
Jan Gebhard	Staff (Vote)	x
Lori Matthews	Staff (Vote)	
Allyson DeVerse	Student (Vote) / Green Initiative Representative	x
Anastasia Whittmore	Student (Vote)	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	
Genna Campain	Roosevelt Representative	
Dorian Evans	Visitor	x
Marilyn Waligore	Visitor	x
Katelin Wiggins	Visitor	x
Carolyn Reichert	Visitor	x
Caroline Lonneman	Visitor	x
Paulina Hruskoci	Visitor	x

- **Greetings** (5 min)
- **Continuing Business** (30 min)
 - Update on Single Use Plastic Policy Research – Dr. Honhon
 - Summary of UC single use plastics call with Kristen Lee – Dr. Honhon
- **ECO Update** (5 min)
- **Green Initiative Update** (5 min)
- **Sustainability Office Update** (10 min)
 - See supplemental document attached
- **Future Events**
 - Campus Race to Zero Waste (CR2ZW)(formerly RecycleMania)
 - Feb 1 – March 26
 - Earth Week
 - April 19 – 23
 - Sustainability Committee Event?
- **Discussion (around the table)** (5min)

Meeting start: 1:32pm

- **Greetings** (5 min)
- **Continuing Business** (30 min)
 - Update on Single Use Plastic Policy Research – Dr. Honhon
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 - UC system gathered 12,000 signatures to support the resolution.
 - The more detail that can be incorporated into the policy, the better.
 - No centralized purchasing – difficult to track single-use plastic purchasing from so many sources.
 - UC system is actually behind the State of California in terms of phasing out single-use plastics. There was a sense of “We will have to do it anyway; might as well start now.”
 - including reduction metrics, not just composting and recycling, will bring a stronger case.
 - UC system-wide implementation template.
 - Exemption policy – need protocol and economic argument that provides data.
 - Education and outreach plan for campus community to find out more info.
 - Exploit opportunities and synergies: for example, when a contract with a vendor ends, take this opportunity to include a no-plastic clause, or partner with a healthy beverage initiative.
 - COVID is a good time to improve infrastructure.
 - Sustainability certificate program – free professional development program. Six courses, 2-year program. Creates avenues for champions to come forward. Finding ways for more people to be involved. Green labs/Green office program.
 - Addressing Single-Use Plastics slides - Paulina Hruskoci
 - Quick run-through of what the committee is doing in terms of single-use plastics policy.
 - Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1aioRKJRTNg8UWqel2O4Weu2K6WL8SA_E/view?usp=sharing
 - **Action:** Provide feedback on these slides by next meeting,
- **ECO Update** (5 min) - Katelin Wiggins
 - First meeting 1/29 7-8pm.
 - Guest speakers to visit ECO throughout semester!
 - Scouting volunteer efforts – Please contact with service opportunities!
- **Green Initiative Update** (5 min) – Allyson DeVerse
 - Meeting Wednesday 2-3pm 2/3
 - Getting started with spring projects, including Student Sustainability Guide.
- **Sustainability Office Update** (10 min)
 - See supplemental document attached.
 - New Eco Rep Anastasia!
 - Farewell to Eco Rep Sophia.
 - Earth Week planning is in progress with OSV.
 - New wildflower planting at corner of Synergy and Floyd as well as Lot Q and apiary near Loop Rd.
 - Still waiting for feedback on BFU application.
 - Paulina still working on SDG Impact Report.
 - Gary is developing a new course with Trinity River Audubon Center focused on habitat restoration for fall 2021.
 - Community Garden programing continues.
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 - Action: Sit on ideas for event; bring to February meeting.

Meeting end: 2:30pm