

Sustainability Committee Minutes for October 4 2023

Attendance Checklist:

Name	Committee Position	Attendance
Quorum = 4 Voting Members Present		
Dorothee Honhon	Chair (Vote)	Yes
Erin Greer	Vice Chair (Vote)	
Melanie Spence	Faculty (Vote)	Yes
Ijay Nkele	Staff (Vote)	Yes
Alexis Rodriguez	Staff (Vote)	Yes
Chandu Garapaty	Student (Vote)	
Alisa Model	Student (Vote)	Yes
Calvin Jamison	Ex Officio (No Vote)	
Jeremy Head	Ex Officio (No Vote)	
Robin Russell/ John Walls	Ex Officio (No Vote)	
Gary Cocks	Ex Officio (No Vote)	
Avery McKitrick	Staff Support (No Vote)	Yes
Danielle Dunn	Staff Support (No Vote)	Yes
Sravya Thotakura	ECO (Student Org) (No Vote)	Yes

Also in Attendance:

- Dee Lambert
- Ida Ghorbani
- Prashanth Boda
- Maria Simplicio

- **Greetings – Round of introduction** (5 min)
- **Continuing Business** (15 min)
 - SUP Proposal Updates/Discussion – Ad Hoc Sub Committee
 - Pilot study
 - Glass bottle – but would need different machines? Return the empty bottle?
 - Fountain drinks – reusable cups!
 - Addressing food waste on campus
 - Liability?
 - Need to protect the university
 - Build it into agreement
 - Catered meals not prepackaged – staff stay later / package => increased cost
 - Keep at proper temperature
 - Summer camps also
 - Get info about Good Samaritan law
 - Any other priorities for this year?
 - Renewable energy: wind turbine at intermodal hub? Almost certainly
- **ECO Update** (5 min)
 - ECO brick meeting
 - Leaf printing on tote bags
 - Dried flowers Xmas ornaments / frames
 - “Stitch to enrich” club – crochet using plastic bags
 - Food recovery network: more volunteers
 - @ECOUSD
- **Green Initiative Update** (5 min)
 - Campus clean up – on Halloween day
 - Recycling candy wrappers
 - Green fund applications live – promote!
 - Graduation gown closet – borrow for ceremony – students could donate – work with alumni center (but gowns changing!)

- **Office of Sustainability Update** (15 min)
 - UTD serving as a use case for DOE Solar District Cup, around 10 teams registered from UTD
 - Climate Action Spotlight Series
 - Highlighting regional leaders (e.g., DFW airport)
 - OOS staff attending the AASHE 2023 Conference from Oct. 29-31 -TRACS
 - October is Campus Sustainability Month! Calendar of events: <https://calendar.utdallas.edu/department/sustainability/>
 - Update about the Eco Hub greenhouse: installed in the next 1-2 weeks

- **Riddle** (2 min): What percentage of food produced for human consumption is wasted?