Sustainability Committee Agenda

Attendance Checklist:

| ✔ | Carolyn Reichert – Chair | John Walls |
|✔ | Lev Gelb – Vice Chair | Evan Paret |
|✔ | Craig Lewis | John McCaskill |
|✔ | Patrick Sarman | Mackenzie Hunter |
|✔ | Eric Chen | Robin Russell |
|✔ | Deborah Reynolds | JW Van Der Schans |
|✔ | Calvin Jamison | Kim Rahebi |
|✔ | Rick Dempsey | Logan Harless |
|✔ | Alex Holcomb | David Terry |

I. Greetings

II. Minutes Approval

III. Facilities Management / Sustainability Office
   a. Tree Campus USA Recertification
   b. RecycleMania Planning

IV. Past Events
   a. Texas Recycles Day; Nov. 15

V. Future Events 2018
   a. Adopt-a-Highway; January
   b. Butterfly Flutterby; February
   c. TRACS Summit @ Tarleton State University; March
   d. Earth Week; April

VI. Discussion (around the table)
   a. 2018 Meeting Schedule

Fun Facts!

- January to October 2017
- Over 3,000 lbs. of batteries have been recycled

- January to December 2017
- Over 30,000 lbs. of wood pallets have been recycled and/or reused
2018 TRACS Summit

The 2018 TRACS Summit will be hosted by Tarleton State University. Full details and the call for abstracts is coming soon.

SCHEDULE

March 27th
- Registration
- Dinner
- Networking/discussions

March 28th
- Natural landscape forum
- Breakout sessions*
- Keynote speaker

March 29th
- 2nd breakout sessions

*Breakout sessions will cover: energy efficiency, Student sustainability activities, Water run-off management, etc.

Kick-off Round Table

UT Dallas
B.R.I.T.

TRACS SUMMIT

2018
"Being Green in a Red County"

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Mayor of Georgetown, TX
Dale Ross

Tarleton State University
1333 W Washington St., Stephenville TX 76401

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Minutes

Start: 3:00 PM

Attendance
- Carolyn Reichert
- Lev Gelb
- Craig Lewis
- Eric Chen
- Rick Dempsey
- Evan Paret
- Robin Russell
- Kim Rahebi
- Logan Harless

Greetings

Minutes Approval
- Minutes approved.
- There was no objection.
- Minutes are posted on the sustainability website.
  - http://www.utdallas.edu/sustainability/committee/

Facilities Management / Sustainability Office
- Tree Campus USA Recertification
  - We are currently in the process of re-submitting our application for the Tree Campus USA designation.
  - To be certified as a Tree Campus USA campus, we must meet various standards.
  - The standards include having a tree care plan, a tree advisory committee, dedicated expenditures toward tree management, a tree oriented service learning project and observance of Arbor Day.
  - The tree advisory committee is comprised of students, staff, faculty, and at least one community representative. Historically, specific members of the Sustainability Committee are chosen to be a part of the committee.

- RecycleMania Planning
  - Evan will be meeting with a representative from Dining Services this week to discuss potential partnerships during Recyclemania.
  - This includes marketing support and having a promotion to encourage recycling during the event duration.
  - This is a good opportunity for student organizations to get involved and promote sustainability and recycling efforts at UT Dallas.
  - One goal that was set, was to have the Eco-Reps and/or another student organization host a table or have a presence during an athletics game to promote recycling on-campus.
• There was interest in capturing paper cup waste that is generated during Tennis games.
• One idea that was brought up was to organize a housing recycling competition. Student Government may be able to help coordinate this and/or reach out to housing.
• The Sustainability Office will reach out to Athletics and provide an update on recycling options during RecycleMania.

• Past Events
  o Texas Recycles Day; Nov. 15
    ▪ During this event, Thea, Evan, and the Eco Reps visited BSB and NSERL to promote recycling at UT Dallas.
    ▪ This also included making note of offices in need of recycling bins.

• Future Events 2018
  o Adopt-a-Highway; January
  o Butterfly Flutterby; February
  o TRACS Summit @ Tarleton State University; March
  o Earth Week; April
    ▪ Confirmation of the dates will be given during the next Sustainability Committee Meeting.
    ▪ Adopt-a-Highway entails a group of student volunteers cleaning a section of greenspace near the George Bush Tollway.
    ▪ Butterfly Flutterby entails a group of student volunteers helping perform general maintenance at the Monarch Waystation. This may include weeding, mulching, and/or planting Milkweed.
    ▪ TRACS Summit will entail multiple Texas universities partnering to offer speakers, workshops, and networking within the realm of sustainability.
    ▪ https://texascampussustainability.com/
    ▪ Earth Week planning meetings are taking place to iron out the details of the event in April.

• Discussion (around the table)
  o 2018 Meeting Schedule
    ▪ The same time as this semester appears to work great.
    ▪ In the event the meeting time is not working throughout the next semester, it can be changed and relocated if needed.
    ▪ There are websites where we can track and learn more about Monarch Butterfly migrations.
    ▪ https://www.learner.org/inorth/
    ▪ https://tpwd.texas.gov/publications/pwdpubs/media/pwd_rp_w7000_2070.pdf
    ▪ The NSERL water bottle refilling stations are experiencing ticker errors. Evan will look into this.
    ▪ A selection committee is being formed to recruit and interview for a new Associate Director of Energy Conservation and Sustainability.
    ▪ The Sustainability Club is involved in food recovery initiatives. They are currently seeking partners in the community.
• Since January 2017, over 30,000 lbs. of wood pallets have been recycled and/or reused.
• From January 2017 to October 2017, over 3,000 lbs. of batteries have been recycled and diverted from the landfill.
• Over 50 lbs. of food was harvested at the final workday at the Community Garden.