

Sustainability Committee Agenda

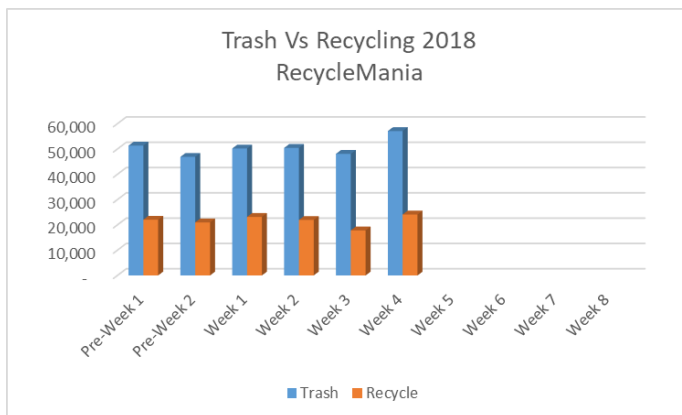
Green Hall (GR) 2.326

Attendance Checklist:

✓	Carolyn Reichert – Chair	✓	Evan Paret
✓	Lev Gelb – Vice Chair	✓	Joey Campain
✓	John McCaskill	✓	Fred Traylor
✓	Craig Lewis	✓	Mackenzie Hunter
	Deborah Reynolds	✓	Kim Rahebi
	Patrick Sarman	✓	Jennifer H.
✓	Eric Chen		
	Calvin Jamison		
	Rick Dempsey		
✓	Gary Cocke (New)		
✓	Robin Russell		

- I. **Greetings**
- II. **Minutes Approval**
- III. **Facilities Management / Sustainability Office**
 - a. New Associate Director of Energy Conservation & Sustainability
 - b. RecycleMania
 - c. Tree Campus USA 2017
 - d. Eco-Rep Projects
- IV. **Past Events**
 - a. RecycleMania Relay; Feb. 15
 - b. Butterfly Flutterby; Feb. 26
- V. **Future Events 2018**
 - a. TRACS Summit @ Tarleton State University; March 27-29
 - b. Earth Week; April 16-21
- VI. **Discussion (around the table)**

Figure 1 Eco Reps at Comet Basketball Game



Fun Facts!

- Since Feb. 2018, Dining Services have diverted over 7,000 lbs. of pre-consumer food waste from the trash to be composted
- Currently ranked #80 out of 138 on waste diversion for RecycleMania 2018

Figure 2 Earth Week 2018 schedule as of current

7th annual UT Dallas Earth Week

	Monday, April 16	Tuesday, April 17	Wednesday, April 18	Thursday, April 19	Friday, April 20	Saturday, April 21	
Trade-In, Trade Up, Recycle (9am-5pm April 16-20, UTD Tech Store)							
Pledge Tree (April 16-20, SU 1st floor lobby)							
8:00 AM							
8:30 AM							
9:00 AM	Free Garden Workshop (9-10:30am, Garden)				Butterfly Flutterby (9-11am, Waystation)	Garden Workday & Potluck (8:30-10:30am, Garden)	
9:30 AM							
10:00 AM		Bee Hive Install #1 (10-11am, N. Apiary)	Bee Hive #3 (10-11am)	Research Panel (10-11am, TI)	Pop-Up Farmers Market (9am-1pm, Plinth)		
10:30 AM							
11:00 AM				Earth Fair (11am-1pm, SU Mall)			
11:30 AM							
12:00 PM							
12:30 PM							
1:00 PM	Free Garden Workshop (1-2:30pm, Garden)	Bee Hive Install #2 (North Apiary)					
1:30 PM							
2:00 PM		Operation Upcycle (2-4pm, Galaxy A)					
2:30 PM							
3:00 PM							
3:30 PM							
4:00 PM							
4:30 PM				Sustainability Town Hall (4-5pm, TBD)			
5:00 PM							
5:30 PM				Bee Hive Install #4 (North Apiary)			
6:00 PM							
6:30 PM				Honey Harvesting	Virtual Reality (SSA lobby)		
7:00 PM	Cinematheque: An Inconvenient Sequel (7-9:30pm, SSA Auditorium)						
7:30 PM							
8:00 PM							
8:30 PM							

Pending Events

Earth Day dinner in DHW - "Root-to-Stem cooking"

#UTDEarthWeek

Sustainability & OSV
Meteor Theater
Academics
OSV
Dining
UTD Tech Store
Closed Group

Minutes

Start: 3:00 PM

Attendance

- Carolyn Reichert – Chair
 - Lev Gelb – Vice Chair
 - John McCaskill
 - Craig Lewis
 - Eric Chen
 - Gary Cocke (New)
 - Robin Russell
 - Evan Paret
 - Joey Campain (New)
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 - Mackenzie Hunter
 - Kim Rahebi
 - Jennifer H.
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- Greetings
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- Minutes Approval
 - Minutes approved.
 - There was no objection.
 - Minutes will be posted on the sustainability website.
 - <http://www.utdallas.edu/sustainability/committee/>
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- Facilities Management/Sustainability Office
 - New Associate Director of Energy Conservation & Sustainability
 - Gary Cocke is from The University of North Texas in Denton and is very excited to be here and has an interest in driving a more student oriented sustainability program with an emphasis on AASHE STARS (Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education)
 - RecycleMania
 - RecycleMania is in full swing as we are approaching week 5 out of 8 weeks
 - The bar graph shows the amount of waste per week recorded
 - During the mid-event results, UT Dallas is currently ranked 80 out of 138 for waste diversion

- Tree Campus USA 2017
 - UT Dallas has officially been awarded the Tree Campus USA 2017 designation
 - We are currently in the process of planning the next Arbor Day Observance Tree Planting Event
 - For anyone interested in becoming more involved, volunteer to, or learning how to plant trees, the [Texas Tree Foundation](#) offers the occasional tree planting experience.
- Eco Rep Projects
 - The Eco Reps have been working on projects to advance sustainability.
 - They have been working on a Monarch Waystation self-guided tour pamphlet, honey bottle sticker designs, social media graphic campaign designs, planning for future sustainability initiatives, helping plan for Earth Week, and collecting data for RecycleMania.
- Past Events
 - RecycleMania Relay
 - In partnership with Valerie Hoops and Athletics, we were able to have a RecycleMania Relay at one of the basketball games on February 15.
 - This was a great success as the activity took place during half time and there was announcements referencing RecycleMania and to remember to recycle.
 - Butterfly Flutterby
 - In partnership with The Office of Student Volunteerism, over 6-9 lbs. of native and nectar flower seeds were sewn on February 26 at the Monarch Waystation along Armstrong Drive.
 - This included Larkspur, Mistflower, Black-Eyed Susans, Mexican Hat, and a variety of other flowers.
- Future Events 2018
 - TRACS Summit @ Tarleton State University
 - The summit will be taking place from March 27 to 29
 - For more information on the schedule, registration, and lodging, please see the below link.
 - <https://www.tarleton.edu/tracs/>
 - Earth Week
 - This event will be taking place from April 16 to 21.
 - The schedule on the back of the agenda reflects what events are currently in place.
 - Booth registration for the Earth Fair is open.
 - Some events will require pre-registration.
 - Coca Cola reached out to support Earth Week.
 - OSV is collecting denim and jeans for an upcycle project.
 - The Earth Week website is online.
 - <https://www.utdallas.edu/volunteer/earthweek/>

- Discussion
 - The Sustainability Office hosted a booth at the Health Fair on March 5, 2018
 - There was discussion on whether the Sustainability Committee should have an independent booth at events on-campus and whether to acquire an official table throw or cloth.
 - An alternative option proposed was to have a nametag or badge identifying committee members at events versus having a full booth as other members may be stationed at other booths at the events.
 - There was interest in having a Sustainability Committee logo designed. The Sustainability Office will develop a few designs to bring to the April or May meeting for review.
 - Student Government is looking into developing a sustainability related survey to assess student interest in integrating sustainability into the master, and/or strategic planning document at UT Dallas.
 - There was discussion on whether a SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats) Analysis would benefit prior to developing and sending out a survey.
 - The committee membership offered their support to help with the survey questions development and SWOT analysis if needed or desired.
 - There was interest in sharing the results from the survey with the committee upon conclusion of the research/surveying.
 - The Student Government Green Initiative Committee is in full swing as they have \$8,000 appropriated from the Student Fee Advisory Committee to support green projects.
 - There are over 15 projects to review during the Green Initiative Committee Meetings.
 - There has been discussion on piloting compost collection in housing at specific locations using a third party.
 - There was interest in developing an annual sustainability report to provide to the Sustainability Committee that highlights programs and initiatives across campus.
 - There was discussion on how to better market speakers that come to UT Dallas. For example, a recent speaker came to talk about energy and not many people heard about it.
 - There was discussion on the feasibility of having monthly themes related to sustainability at UT Dallas. For example, a monthly highlight of a book, film, or even a topic of interest. More information and examples will be provided at the next meeting.
 - The Sustainability Club is looking into organizing a Trinity River Cleanup activity.

- There was interest in highlighting UT Dallas's efforts to support honeybee populations on the sustainability website.

End: 4:00 PM