

Sustainability Committee Agenda

Attendance Checklist:

✓	Carolyn Reichert – Chair	✓	Evan Paret
✓	Lev Gelb – Vice Chair	✓	Fred Traylor
✓	John McCaskill	✓	Mackenzie Hunter
	Craig Lewis	✓	Kim Rahebi
	Deborah Reynolds	✓	Jennifer Good
✓	Joseph Campain		
✓	Eric Chen		
	Calvin Jamison		
✓	Rick Dempsey		
✓	Gary Cocke		
✓	Robin Russell		

- I. Greetings
- II. Minutes Approval
- III. Facilities Management / Sustainability Office
 - a. Speaker – Frank Rodriguez – Tree Management at UT Dallas
 - b. RecycleMania
 - c. Eco-Rep Projects
 - d. Class Presentation on UTD Sustainability
 - e. Monarch Waystation Field Guide

- IV. Past Events
 - a. TRACS Summit @ Tarleton State University; March 27-29

Future Events 2018

- a. Earth Week; April 16-21
- b. E-Waste Recycling; April 16-20

Discussion (around the table)

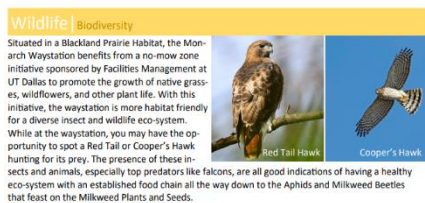
- a. Denim and blue jeans

Fun Facts!

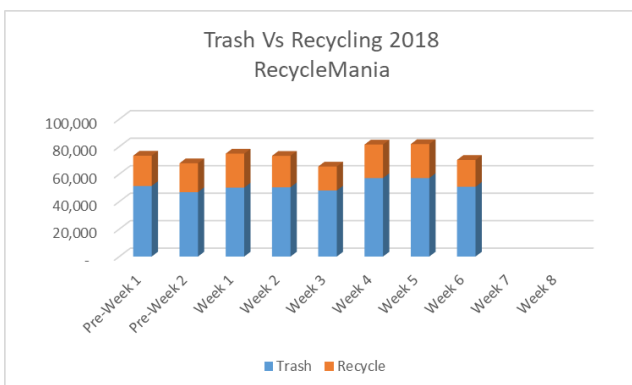
- Since February, UT Dallas and Housing is averaging over 73,000 lbs. of trash and recycle waste per week
- Since January, The Office of Research Compliance has recycled over 850 lbs. of batteries



UT Dallas currently has 4 certified Monarch Waystations on-campus. A Monarch Waystation is a site that is rich with pollinator friendly plants and wildflowers. More specifically, the site exists to support the Monarch Butterfly during its migration from Canada to Mexico during different seasons throughout the year. At UT Dallas, we are within their migration path. The largest waystation site on-campus is located along Armstrong Drive and houses the campus disc golf course. Welcome!



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Week



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APRIL
16 - 20
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Start 3:00 PM

Minutes

- Attendance
 - Carolyn Reichert – Chair
 - Lev Gelb – Vice Chair
 - John McCaskill
 - Joseph Campain
 - Eric Chen
 - Rick Dempsey
 - Gary Cocke
 - Robin Russell
 - Evan Paret
 - Fred Traylor
 - Mackenzie Hunter
 - Kim Rahebi
 - Jennifer Good
 - Frank Rodriguez – speaker

- Greetings

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

- Facilities Management/Sustainability Office
 - Speaker – Frank Rodriguez – Tree Management at UT Dallas
 - Frank is a certified arborist at UT Dallas who works to manage/maintain trees.
 - Frank has been at UT Dallas for over 6 years
 - There are over 7,000-tree sites on-campus and over 60 different species of trees.
 - Facilities Management utilizes a Tree Management Software called ArborPro.
 - ArborPro maintains an inventory, work history, health, and value of campus trees.
 - UT Dallas has been designated Tree Campus USA.
 - Prior to tree purchasing, site assessments are used to determine if a location is idea for a new or transplanted tree.
 - Trees have many benefits. This includes providing shade, visually appealing, good for habitat conservation, and absorb CO₂, therefore improving outdoor air quality.
 - A few trees are 60 years old and older at UT Dallas.
 - For every tree removal, there is a goal to plant two additional trees.
 - Common trees found at UT Dallas includes Red Oaks, Live Oaks, Cedar Elm, and Crepe Myrtle (shrub/tree).
 - FM is working on establishing a publicly accessible tree inventory online.

- There are plans to observe Arbor Day Texas this year and to host service-learning opportunities.
 - RecycleMania
 - RecycleMania tracking for this year has concluded.
 - Were in process of reviewing data and finalizing inputs prior to final submission.
 - Finalized results and rankings should be available by the next meeting.
 - From preliminary data, UT Dallas is sitting at around 29%, which is consistent with usual annual ranges of 28-30% recycling rates.
 - Eco-Rep Projects
 - Eco Reps are actively preparing for Earth Week.
 - Each Eco-Rep has submitted a proposal for a sustainability program/project.
 - Fred is working with Evan on developing a plan for a Green Office Certification Program.
 - Kelsey is working on preparing a submission for Bee Campus USA.
 - Delaney is working on a social media campaign for Earth Week, Bike Friendly University designation, sustainability literacy studies, and a Facilities Management staff spotlight campaign.
 - Sami is working to prep the pledge tree for Earth Week and is working on finalizing a design for the honey bottles used for the campus apiaries. She is also working on developing a strategy to acquire greater STARS points for Dining Credits.
 - This will be a great opportunity for the Eco-Reps to gain project management and leadership skills and experiences.
 - Class Presentation on UTD Sustainability
 - Evan presented to the Energy, Water and the Environment class on Sustainability at UT Dallas. There was great interest in the variety of programs and initiatives on-campus.
 - This is something the Sustainability Office is open to doing more often.
 - If any class, office, and/or department would like to have a speaker talk about sustainability at UT Dallas, they may contact the Sustainability Office to request it.
 - Monarch Waystation Field Guide
 - The Sustainability Office had developed a Monarch Waystation Field Guide.
 - This guide will provide opportunity to any student, staff, and faculty to explore the Monarch Waystation and be able to identify common plants and insects.
 - The guide also has a small map of the waystation to help navigate the site.
 - The guide is downloadable from the sustainability website homepage.
 - There was expressed interest in having a more permanent sign established at the Monarch Waystation to display the site visually to visitors.
- Past Events
 - TRACS Summit @ Tarleton State University; March 27-29
 - Evan and Gary attended a variety of sustainability workshops at this year's summit.
 - TRACS 2019 will take place on Feb. 18-20. More information coming soon.

- Future Events 2018
 - Earth Week; April 16-21
 - The full schedule is online on the [OSV website](#).
 - The backup location for rain is at the VCB.
 - 41 booths have been reserved.
 - A student poet will be reading their poem about nature during Earth Fair.
 - E-Waste Recycling; April 16-20
 - The UTD Tech Store is hosting this year's e-waste recycling event.
 - Bring your personal electronics to get recycled.
 - For your recycled electronics, you may receive discounts on store products.
 - Do not bring university owned electronics to be recycled. [This goes to surplus](#).
- Discussion (around the table)
 - Denim and blue jeans
 - We are collecting denim and blue jeans to support operation upcycle during Earth Week.
 - The material will be used to make small shoes for children and elderly in Uganda who suffer from a foot parasite called jiggers.
 - Contact recycling@utdallas.edu if you have any denim or blue jeans you would like to donate before Earth Week.
 - An update provided on the university strategic plan includes that a section on sustainability has been included in the new draft. More details will be provided at future meetings.
 - Student Government is in the process of reviewing a newly developed sustainability survey to disseminate to students. This will help gain insight into existing knowledge and interest in sustainability programs at UT Dallas. There was also a suggestion to meet with the student regent, acquire their thoughts, and acquire feedback.
 - Joey will send the survey draft and green initiative meeting minutes to the sustainability committee to review and provide feedback and recommendations.
 - There was a question on whether UT Dallas can go 100% renewable. As of current, that would not be possible as UT Dallas and many other UT Schools are working on a combined purchasing agreement. This would need to be a long-term goal with incremental small steps.
 - There is interest in learning more about sustainability versus resiliency departments at UT Dallas. This may include business continuity and plans for potential disasters. This may be something the Environmental Health and Safety Office could shed light on.

End 3:58 PM