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   b. Plastic Film Recycling; Trex Bench
   c. Green Office Certification Program

Fun Facts!

- UT Dallas has collected over 500 lbs. of plastic film and has been awarded a free Trex Recycling bench to be placed on-campus.
- Trex boards are made of 50% recycled bags/film and 50% scrap wood dust.
Earth Week 2018

Who

Office of Student Volunteerism
Office of Sustainability
Facilities Management
Biological Sciences Department
UT Dallas Tech Store
Office of Research
UTD Dining
Virtual Reality Society
Meteor Theater

What

18 Events
17 Community Partners
16 Campus Departments
10 Student Organizations
854 Participants

Service

4 honey bee hives installed on campus
90 ounces of honey harvested
428 pounds of electronic waste appropriately recycled
591 students educated about local environmental & sustainability initiatives
101 milkweed seedlings transplanted into the Monarch Waystation
109 wildflower seed balls casted
85 pairs of shoes created from upcycled denim
12 pounds of onion, kale and lettuce harvested from the Community Garden
16 tomato, melon and pepper plants transplanted into the Community Garden

Impact

359.75 hours
$8,882.23 dollars of volunteer time*

*estimated value of 2017 volunteer time; www.independentsector.org
Minutes
Start: 3:00 PM

• Attendance
  o Carolyn Reichert
  o John McCaskill
  o Craig Lewis
  o Eric Chen
  o Rick Dempsey
  o Gary Cocke
  o Robin Russell
  o Evan Paret
  o Kelsey Lyle
  o Roshni K.
  o David Liner
  o Stephanie Taylor

• Greetings
  o Everyone who was in attendance introduced themselves

• Minutes Approval
  o There were no objections to approving the minutes
  o Minutes were approved

• Facilities Management/Sustainability Office
  o Used Binder Reuse Partnership
    ▪ The Office of Sustainability has partnered with the Richardson ISD.
    ▪ All used binders that are collected that were pending disposal will be collected by the sustainability office and transported to the RISD in support of programs that support students interested in going to college.
    ▪ The FM shops cleanup resulted in over 50 binders being collected.

  o Sustainability/Recycling Art
    ▪ A student managed a sustainability art project during the Oddities Exhibit at the SPN Art Gallery.
    ▪ Student Government is interested in learning more about the project and engaging in a more artistic approach to raise awareness of sustainability initiatives.
    ▪ Evan will reach out to the student and setup a meeting with the Sustainability Office and Student Government.
- Blanca Botello Garden
  - Please see photos below.
  - Delaney Conroy is an Eco-Rep within the sustainability office who is taking the lead in helping manage and maintain the garden.
  - In partnership with Student Government Green Initiative, Facilities Management will be installing a water spout and collection tank to utilize at the garden.

- DHW Food Waste Collections Update
  - The Sustainability Office and Executive Chef met with composting partners to review potential opportunities for future compostable dining-ware such as plates, cutlery, cups, etc...
  - This meeting was to raise awareness of new opportunities in the future.
  - Dining Services and students at UT Dallas collaborate with the Food Recovery Network to provide leftover food to local shelters in-need.

- TRACS Executive Board Representation
  - TRACS (Texas Regional Alliance for Campus Sustainability) 2019 is currently in the planning stage.
  - Gary has taken on the role as the Chair to the Communications Committee in support of the TRACS 2019 Conference.

New Business
- UN Sustainable Development Goals
  - World leaders adopted the Sustainable Development Goals in September 2015 at a UN summit.
  - These goals reflect the commitment of all countries to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure prosperity for all.
  - Each goal has specific targets. More details on the website.
  - The Office of Sustainability has embraced the concept of the SDG’s and will work with the campus community to raise awareness on how to be more sustainable and how we as a university can strive to accomplish these goals.

- AASHE STARS Overview
  - The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education, Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating system is a tool to track sustainability efforts and performance at an institution of higher education.
  - The next foreseeable submission of the AASHE STARS report is by summer 2019.
  - UT Dallas’s first submission was in 2016, with a ranking of Bronze. The goal for the next submission is Silver.
- Gary will be leading efforts to compile information and data for the next AASHE STARS submission.
- One of the goals for the next submission is to increase collaboration with the Sustainability Committee membership to acquire data and information on campus sustainability in Administration, Academics, Engagement, and Operations.

**Committee Goals/Procedures**
- There was discussion on whether to have defined committee goals outside of the committee charge.
- Evan will develop a comparison of other university sustainability committee SOP’s, and goals to review at the next committee meeting.
- More discussion will take place at the next meeting.

**Committee Reports**
- There was discussion on the development of the annual committee report.
- Dr. Carolyn Reichert (committee chair) will be reaching out to Dr. Goodman on how it was done in the past and to possibly acquire last year’s report.
- More discussion will take place at the next meeting.

**Old Business**
- No Vehicle Idling Guideline
  - This guideline will be re-presented at a meeting in the fall. This will allow for more committee attendance and awareness before an official vote.

**Sustainable Procurement Guideline**
- This guideline will be re-presented at a meeting in the fall. This will allow for more committee attendance and awareness before an official vote.

**Past Events**
- Earth Week; April 16-21
  - Details on the event impact can be found on the back of the agenda.
  - More details are on the [OSV website](#).

**Future Events 2018**
- Butterfly Flutterby; June 6
  - Students will be planting Gayfeathers at the Monarch Waystation.
  - Students will be pulling weeds at the Monarch Waystation.
  - Craig will be educating the students on how the Monarch Waystation was developed and how to perform the volunteer activities.
Move In; August 14-17
- Facilities Management teams will be meeting this week to discuss logistics.

Viva Volunteer; October 27
- More details to come at future meetings.

Arbor Day Texas; November 2
- More details to come at future meetings.

Discussion (around the table)
- Green Initiative
  - Joey, the Student Government Green Initiative Chairman will provide an update in the near future.
  - Food waste collection will be expanding into Housing for composting. Pending.
  - Plastic film collection will expand into Housing in the near future in partnership with the Sustainability Office, Student Government, and Housing. Pending.

Plastic Film Recycling; Trex Bench
- UT Dallas participates in a plastic film-recycling program through Trex Recycling.
- The company has a recycling challenge for participants. If 500+ lbs. of plastic film is recycled, then the company provides a free bench.
- UT Dallas recently hit the mark and were awarded a free bench.
- The Sustainability Office and Student Government will work on finding a good location for the bench.

Green Office Certification Program
- The Sustainability Office is in the process of developing a Green Office Certification Program.
- More details to come at future meetings.

Zero Waste
- There was discussion on the possibilities of campaigning for a zero-waste program or a targeted percentage-recycling rate.
- This is within the realm of possibilities in the near future dependent on success of recycling program expansion and raised awareness.
Green Labs  
- The Office of Research is developing the framework for a green labs initiative.
- Samantha, an Eco-Rep with the Sustainability Office is researching opportunities that would support the green labs initiative.
- More details to come at future meetings.

Bee Campus USA  
- Kelsey, an Eco-Rep is working on developing a plan on how UT Dallas can become a Bee Campus USA member.
- More details to come at future meetings.

End 4:00 PM
Appendix A (exhibit that displayed sustainability art project)

ODDITIES MFA 2018

Friday, May 18, 2018 – Saturday, June 9, 2018,
Venue: The new SP/N Gallery at Synergy Park North 2
Admission: Free
Season: 2017-18

Address: SP/N Gallery, 3020 Stewart Dr., Richardson, TX 75080

Reception: Friday, May 18, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Exhibition Title: Oddities

Please join us in celebrating the accomplishments of six amazing MFA candidates:

Mo Murphy
Carlon Jackson
Amanda Marder
Clayton Harper
Denise Lion
Heather Valcik

The SP/N Gallery proudly presents Oddities MFA 2018, a diverse collection of work, encapsulating this significant milestone.

SP/N Gallery hours:
Sunday - Monday: Closed
Tuesday - Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Thursday - Friday: 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Saturday: 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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