

Sustainability Committee Agenda

Attendance Checklist:

Name	Committee Position	Attendance
Quorum = 4 Voting Members Present; 50%+1		
Carolyn Reichert	Chair (Vote)	
Marilyn Walligore	Vice Chair (Vote)	X
Sy Han Chiou	Faculty (Vote)	X
Craig Lewis	Staff (Vote)	X
Deborah Reynolds	Staff (Vote)	
TBD	Student (Vote)	
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Calvin Jamison	Ex Officio (No Vote)	
Rick Dempsey	Ex Officio (No Vote)	
Robin Russell/ John Walls	Ex Officio (No Vote)	X
Gary Cocke	Ex Officio (No Vote)	X
Evan Paret	Staff Support	X
Sami Manuel	Visitor	
Aleks Adamopoulos	Visitor	
Morganne Blaylock	Visitor	X
Alice Presti	Visitor	
Jennifer Good	Visitor	X
Kim Rahebi	Visitor	
Aaron Koehler	Visitor	X
Erica Black	Visitor	X
Zach Greensburg	Visitor	X
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- I. Greetings**
- II. Minutes Approval**
- III. Speaker**
 - a. None
- IV. New Business**
- V. Facilities Management / Sustainability Office**
 - a. New Eco-Rep
 - b. Recycling at UT Dallas
 - c. Comet Compost Program Update
 - d. Sustainable Service
 - e. Sustainability Newsletter
- VI. Old Business**
 - a. No Vehicle Idling Guideline Review
 - b. Sustainable Procurement Guideline Review
- VII. Past Events**
- VIII. Future Events**
 - a. Comet Compost Training; October 3
 - b. Adopt-a-Highway; October 4
 - c. Pop Up Farmers Market; October 9
 - d. Butterfly Flutterby; October 17
 - e. Viva Volunteer; October 27
 - f. Comet Compost Training; November 6
- IX. Discussion (around the table)**
 - a. Meeting Times



Figure 1: The Comet Compost Program at Housing had its first food waste pickup.



Global Citizen Sustainability Service Honors



Earn recognition for volunteering and providing service within our campus and community that advances sustainability within the scope of the UN Sustainable Development Goals
Visit utdallas.edu/sustainability/service/

Minutes

Start 3:00 PM

- Attendance
 - Marilyn Waligore
 - Sy Han Chiou
 - Craig Lewis
 - Robin Russell
 - Gary Cocke
 - Evan Paret
 - Morganne Blaylock
 - Jennifer Good
 - Kim Rahebi
 - Aaron Koehler
 - Erica Black
 - Zach Greenburg

- Greetings
 - Everyone around the table introduced themselves.
 - The student voting members are still to be determined.

- Minutes Approval
 - There were no objections to approving the September minutes.
 - Minutes approved.

- Speaker
 - No Speaker.

- New Business
 - None

- Facilities Management / Sustainability Office
 - New Eco-Rep
 - Morganne Blaylock is the new Eco-Rep within The Office of Sustainability.
 - Her focus will be oriented toward AASHE STARS reporting and developing a Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory.
 - She has a lot of experience working with energy systems as an intern and is interested in helping advance UT Dallas sustainability initiatives.

 - Recycling at UT Dallas
 - Evan provided an overview of recycling at UT Dallas.
 - Recycling initiatives includes:
 - Single Stream
 - Metal Scrap
 - Cardboard

- Ink/Toner Cartridges
 - Nitrile Gloves
 - Plastic Film (Many partnerships)
 - All Batteries (Office of Research Compliance)
 - Lightbulbs/Lamps (Office of Research Compliance)
 - Packing Peanuts
 - Styrofoam/#6 Polystyrene
 - Small electronics (Office of Information Security & UTD Tech Store)
 - Landscape waste
 - Food waste (Dining Services)
 - Used binders
 - Wood Pallets
 - Used Grease (Dining Services)
 - Other recycling practices
 - Each program has its own logistical process for collection and transportation.
- Comet Compost Program Update
 - Over 25 people are contributing to the program so far.
 - Each individual who wishes to compost his or her food waste must undergo a training hosted through Student Government and facilitated by The Office of Sustainability.
 - Everyone who participates in the training will receive the combination to the Organix bin lock in Housing, a caddy with signage, and learn the how-to's of the program.
 - The training schedule is on the [Student Government website](#).
 - This is a great opportunity to divert food waste from the landfill.
- Sustainable Service
 - The service initiative was renamed to "Global Citizens Sustainability Service Honors".
 - All students at UT Dallas may create a profile on the sustainability website.
 - Students may track their hours and describe the volunteer experience.
 - The service must be oriented toward at least one of the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals.
 - Students who meet the required service hour requirements will be recognized for their contributions and service.
- Sustainability Newsletter
 - The Office of Sustainability sends out a monthly newsletter.
 - The newsletter highlights events, activities, partnerships, and new initiatives.
 - For anyone interested in receiving the newsletter, contact the office to be added to the listserve.

- Old Business

- No Vehicle Idling Guidelines Review

- This guideline is oriented toward improving the outdoor air quality and reducing exhaust emissions that may pose a risk to the health of the campus community.
 - This guideline has been discussed in past meetings.
 - An overview was provided on the guideline.
 - A discussion was opened.

Voting Results	
Carolyn Reichert	▪ Yay (Absentee Vote)
Marilynn Waligore	▪ Yay
Sy Han Chiou	▪ Yay
Craig Lewis	▪ Yay
Deborah Reynolds	▪ Not Present
TBD	▪ Not Present
TBD	▪ Not Present
Simple Majority in Favor = Passed & Adopted	

- Sustainable Procurement Guideline Review

- This guideline is oriented toward encouraging staff and faculty departments and offices to purchase supplies, tools, equipment and other products that possess an “environmental preferable” designation.
 - This guideline has been discussed in past meetings.
 - An overview of the guideline was provided.
 - A discussion was opened.

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- Past Events

- None

- Future Events

- Comet Compost Training; October 3 (today)

- Students, staff, and affiliated parties were present to learn and provide input during the training opportunity. Future opportunities will be listed on the Student Government website.

- Adopt-a-Highway; October 4

- The Office of Student Volunteerism will be leading the Adopt-a-Highway event where 10 students and support staff will choose a section of the Bush Tollway to pick up trash. This is to “Keep Texas Beautiful”.

- Pop Up Farmers Market; October 9
 - Dining Services and Chartwells will be hosting a farmer’s market-like event to provide food samples, offer fresh produce to students, staff, and faculty, and to promote the new composting initiatives at UT Dallas.
 - The Office of Sustainability will also attend to provide support and promote the compost programs and initiatives.

- Butterfly Flutterby; October 17
 - Details for this event are tbd. There will be a mixture of site maintenance and butterfly tagging.

- Viva Volunteer; October 27
 - Twenty-Seven fruit trees will be planted within the resident hall courtyards. This will also act as our campus’s Arbor Day Texas observance event and service learning project.

- Comet Compost Training; November 6
 - See above.

- Discussion
 - There was interest in developing a green purchasing guide or informational that would be accessible to the surrounding community.
 - This may be something for a future eco-rep project.

 - We can expect Monarch Butterfly activity around October 15 near the Monarch Waystations. Additional cosmos flowerbeds have been planted which will likely attract the butterflies as well.

 - There is interest in developing a speaker series for the Sustainability Committee Meetings. This would provide opportunity to learn about office practices and roles at UT Dallas and developing partners in the community.

 - Tree management updates will be provided at the next meeting.

 - The meeting times for the rest of the semester will be discussed post-meeting to help accommodate other interested parties and their schedule.

End 4:00 PM