I. Greetings

II. Minutes Approval

III. Speaker
   a. None

IV. New Business
   a. None

V. Facilities Management / Sustainability Office
   a. Tree Management/Tree Campus USA
   b. Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory
   c. Composting Updates
   d. Green Office Certification
   e. Awards & Recognitions
   f. Website Updates

VI. Old Business
   a. None

VII. Past Events
   a. Viva Volunteer; Oct. 27
   b. Comet Compost Training; Nov. 6
   c. Pop Up Farmers Market; Nov. 6

VIII. Future Events
   a. Sustainability Summit; Nov. 9
   b. Alternative Spring Break Info; Nov. 26
   c. Community Garden Orientation; Nov. 30

IX. Discussion (around the table)

Figure 1: UT Dallas is now officially a Bee Campus USA!
Viva Volunteer 2018
Minutes
Start 4:00 PM

- Attendance
  - Carolyn Reichert
  - Marilyn Waligore
  - Craig Lewis
  - Jennifer Good
  - Joey Campain
  - Rick Dempsey
  - Robin Russell
  - Gary Cocke
  - Evan Paret
  - Kim Rahebi
  - Erica Black
  - Zach Greensberg
  - John McCaskill
  - Donovan Bays

- Greetings
  - Everyone around the table introduced themselves.
  - The student voting members have been appointed.

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

- Speaker
  - None

- New Business
  - None

- Facilities Management / Sustainability Office
  - Tree Management/Tree Campus USA
    - Evan provided an overview of tree management practices at UT Dallas.
    - UT Dallas is in the process of gathering information for Tree Campus USA Recertification.
    - Jennifer Good, Sustainability Club President, and Mike Sills, a Regional Urban Forester with Texas A&M Forest Service are the new student and community members of the Tree Advisory Committee.
    - The Tree Public Viewer is available on the sustainability website.
    - For any questions on trees at UT Dallas, please contact Evan so he can direct your inquiry.
- To be a Tree Campus USA, you must adhere to five standards.
  - Standard One: Have a Tree Advisory Committee
  - Standard Two: Have a Tree Care Plan
  - Standard Three: Have A Tree Program w/ Dedicated Expenditures
  - Standard Four: Observe Arbor Day
  - Standard Five: Have a Service Learning Project

- Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory
  - Eco Rep Morganne Blaylock is working on the development of a greenhouse gas emissions inventory.
  - Gary provided an overview on what the inventory will consist of and how it will benefit efforts to earn a higher ranking through AASHE STARS.

- Composting Updates
  - The last compost training of the semester took place November 6.
  - Over 65 participants have signed up and completed the Comet Composting Training in 2018.
  - Each training includes program details, an introduction to how and why the program exists, and provision of a caddy to collect food waste.
  - Training sessions will continue into spring 2019 (dates tbd).
  - There is interest in having a training opportunity during Earth Week 2019.
  - Over 14,000 lbs. of food waste was diverted for composting in Sept. & Oct. 2018.

- Green Office Certification
  - Five offices at UT Dallas have become Green Office Certified as of current.
  - Over 60 “I Make UTD Green” mugs have been distributed.
  - All you have to do to be certified is fill out a worksheet found on the sustainability website, save it, and then send it to Evan.
  - This is a great way to earn a certificate, recognition, and get some free cool mugs.

- Awards & Recognitions
  - UT Dallas is now certified as a Bee Campus USA university for efforts toward being a pollinator friendly campus.
  - UT Dallas received recognition via Texan by Nature for efforts toward being a nature friendly campus.

- Website Updates
  - The sustainability website has undergone a few changes.
  - The drop-down was reorganized into categories of Engagement, Operations, Sustainability Committee and Contact Us.
  - As the website content continues to diversify, more categories are coming in the near future.
• Old Business  
  o None

• Past Events  
  o Viva Volunteer; Oct. 27  
    ▪ The Sustainability Office and OSV partnered this year to celebrate trees during Viva Volunteer.  
    ▪ Twenty-Six fruit trees planted in the resident hall courtyards.  
    ▪ The chosen trees included two varieties of peach and plums.  
    ▪ Mr. Jeff Raska, a Dallas County Horticulturist from the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension provided the education component to help teach volunteers about the trees and how to care for them.

  o Comet Compost Training; Nov. 6  
    ▪ This was the last training for this year.  
    ▪ Future trainings are in the process of being scheduled via Student Government.

  o Pop Up Farmers Market; Nov. 6  
    ▪ Dining Services hosts a Pop Up a few times per semester.  
    ▪ This usually includes freshly cooked food samples and a small organic-oriented market.

• Future Events  
  o Sustainability Summit; Nov. 9  
  o Alternative Spring Break Info; Nov. 26  
  o Community Garden Orientation; Nov. 30

• Discussion (around the table)  
  o Green Initiative  
    ▪ Composting trainings in the spring are in the process of being scheduled.  
    ▪ Sustainability Club is working to get the blue recycling bins distributed to residential students living on-campus before the end of the semester.  
      ▪ There are 380 small recycling bins.  
      ▪ An agreement document is being developed.  
    ▪ There are efforts to enhance marketing for the Meatless Monday’s initiative with Dining Services.  
    ▪ There are efforts to get the light switch stickers distributed in Housing locations.  
    ▪ Joey is pushing forward on the green fee proposal. More updates at next meeting.

  o Craig received a donation of milkweed seeds that he will be propagating in the Greenhouse soon.

  o During Viva Volunteer, 511 Comets/student volunteers were engaged and completed 2,555 hours of volunteer service on-campus and in the community.

  o There was discussion on the John Bunker Sands Wetland Center and educational opportunities.
o There was discussion on whether it would be feasible to consider expanding LEED activity to include O&M projects.

o There was discussion on the feasibility of developing an Alumni tree program.
  - A potential alternative would be a plaque being installed on a tree or having a dedicated space on-campus where no development may happen to support a similar project/program.

o There will be a speaker at the next meeting.

End 5:01 PM