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!
Minutes
Start 4:00 PM

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

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

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

• Speaker
  o None

• New Business
  o None

• Facilities Management / Sustainability Office
  o 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 comet 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
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• 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