

# Sustainability Committee Agenda

Green Hall (GR) 2.326

## Attendance Checklist:

Name	Committee Position	Attendance
<b>Quorum = 4 Voting Members Present</b>		
Carolyn Reichert	Chair (Vote)	
Marilyn Waligore	Vice Chair (Vote)	X
Sy Han Chiou	Faculty (Vote)	
Craig Lewis	Staff (Vote)	X
Deborah Reynolds	Staff (Vote)	
Jennifer Good	Student (Vote)	
Joey Campain	Student (Vote)	X
Calvin Jamison	Ex Officio (No Vote)	
Doug Tomlinson	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	
Alice Presti	Visitor	
Kim Rahebi	Visitor	X
Aaron Koehler	Visitor	X
Erica Black	Visitor	
Zach Greenberg	Visitor	
John McCaskill	Visitor	
Donovan Bays	Visitor	X
Richard Shen	Visitor	
	Visitor	

The Office of Student Volunteerism ranked Gold in their Green Office Certification Submission. Congrats!



- I. Greetings
  - a. Introduce Doug as new Ex Officio
- II. Minutes Approval
- III. Speaker
- IV. New Business
- V. Facilities Management / Sustainability Office
  - a. Food Waste Diversion (monthly report)
  - b. New Green Office Certifications
  - c. Apiary Relocation
  - d. Earth Week Event Update
  - e. RecycleMania Update
  - f. Eco-Rep Projects
- VI. Old Business
- VII. Past Events
  - a. TRACS Summit 2019; Feb. 17-19
- VIII. Future Events
  - a. Mt. Trashmore; Mar. 13
  - b. RecycleMania; Jan. 20 – Apr. 1
  - c. Alternative Spring Break; Mar. 17-22
  - d. Trade-In, Trade-Up, Recycle; Apr. 10-26
  - e. Earth Week; Apr. 22-26
  - f. Sustain. Ambassador Workshop, Apr. 18
  - g. Sustain. Service Honor Ceremony; May 1
- IX. Discussion (around the table)
  - a. Christmas Light Recycling Opportunity

**January 2019**  
Food Waste Diversion  
  
**2,360 lbs.**



# TRADE-IN TRADE-UP RECYCLE

**APRIL  
10 - 26**  
at the UTD Visitor  
Center Atrium



**Get in-store credit  
when you trade-in  
your used electronics.**

Bring in your working electronic devices and have its trade-in value accessed to use toward an in-store purchase.



**Recycle your old eWaste  
for discounts toward  
new purchases.**

Bring in your unusable/non-working electronic devices to responsibly recycle for in-store coupons.

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Visitor Center Building  
972.883.6600

Minutes

Start 4:00 PM

- Attendance
  - Marilyn Waligore
  - Craig Lewis
  - Joey Campaign
  - Robin Russell
  - Gary Cocke
  - Evan Paret
  - Kim Rahebi
  - Aaron Koehler
  - Donovan Bays
  
- **Greetings**
- **Minutes Approval**
- **Speaker**
- **New Business**
- **Facilities Management / Sustainability Office**
  - Food Waste Diversion (monthly report)
    - January 2019 resulted in 2,360 lbs. of food waste diverted
    - February 2019 resulted in 9,520 lbs. of food waste diverted
    - The February weight excludes SU
    - Keys for the compost bins at SU have been re-issued to staff leadership
  
  - New Green Office Certifications
    - The Office of Student Volunteerism – February - Gold
    - The Office of Facilities & Economic Development - February – Gold
    - Plumbing Shop – February – Silver
    - We encourage all office to participate in the Green Office Certification Program
    - Benefits of participating includes recognition, awarded certificate, “I Make UTD Green” Mugs, promotion on the Sustainability Website, and bragging rights
  
  - Apiary Relocation
    - By the end of next week, the new apiary will be installed near the wildflower area across from Facilities Management
    - Evan will be installing signage around the new apiary
    - The new apiary will include a 6ft gate with locks, a split-rail fence with Bee signage, mulched ground area, and a pollinator friendly environment
    - The apiary effort and installation was made possible by the McDermott Scholars Cohort who donated nearly \$7,000 to support Honey Bees at UT Dallas
  
  - Earth Week Event Update
    - The finalized event schedule will be attached to next month’s agenda
    - The UTD Tech Store will be hosting an e-waste recycling event from April 10-26
    - Craig will provide OSV with rocks for painting event to help act as paper weights during Earth Fair

- The goal for Earth Fair is to be zero waste. No additional trash bins will be provided at the event. Compost bins will be made available as more food is expected to be purchased rather than giveaway materials
    - We have secured speakers for the Sustainable Research Forum. More details coming soon
  - RecycleMania Update
    - We are currently in week 5 of 8 weeks
    - Since the start of RecycleMania, over 144,800 lbs. of waste was diverted to recycling
    - Since the start of RecycleMania, over 426,400 lbs. of waste has gone to the landfill
    - The average recycling rate thus far is 25% (this is subject to change as the weeks continue)
    - Intercom blurbs were sent out to raise awareness about RecycleMania
  - Eco-Rep Projects
    - There are varieties of on-going projects that are in progress within The Office of Sustainability. A few of them are listed below.
      - Getting ready for the first Sustainable Service Honors Ceremony (in progress)
      - Developing the UT Dallas executive summary for the fair labor association / workers' rights consortium (in progress)
      - Planning stages for a "Meet-Up" mobile campus cleanup opportunity for student groups to independently organize environmental cleanups on-campus with support from the Sustainability Office (planning in progress)
      - Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory (planning and coordination in progress)
      - Fertilizer experiment/study (focusing on different applications, types of fertilizer, and locations; planning in progress)
      - AASHE STARS (in progress)
      - FM and Community Gardening (in progress)
      - Biodiversity Assessment (planning in progress)
      - Bee Campus USA committee meetings (continuous)
      - Compost training (continuous and in progress)
- **Old Business**
- **Past Events**
  - TRACS Summit 2019; Feb. 17-19
- **Future Events**
  - Mt. Trashmore; Mar. 13
    - Chess Plaza along the Mall – Cancelled due to weather!
  - RecycleMania; Jan. 20 – Apr. 1
  - Alternative Spring Break; Mar. 17-22
  - Trade-In, Trade-Up, Recycle; Apr. 10-26
  - Earth Week; Apr. 22-26
  - Sustain. Ambassador Workshop, Apr. 18
    - The workshop will cover how to complete the green office certification program, how to integrate sustainability into everyday life, and how to communicate with others.

- Sustain. Service Honor Ceremony; May 1
  - This will be the first ceremony for the Global Citizen Sustainability Service Honors
  - Any students that meet the volunteer hour requirements will be recognized for their efforts
  - The students will receive a certificate, lapel pin, an opportunity to help expand a pollinator garden, and a photo
- **Discussion (around the table)**
  - Christmas Light Recycling Opportunity
    - Phoenix Recycling, a current metal recycler for UT Dallas also accepts Christmas lights for recycling. Evan is evaluating the feasibility of hosting a Christmas light recycling collection location sometime next spring after December
  - Green Initiative Committee through Student Government
    - Over 324 recycling bins have been distributed to students living on-campus
    - There is discussion on how to make the distribution of bins more permanent within the housing units
    - Discussions are taking place on how to implement a furniture salvaging initiative during move out and move in to avoid furniture from entering the waste stream
    - Green project submissions have been received and will be reviewed at the next committee meeting
  - Volunteerism
    - There are agencies and organizations that host cleanups along the Trinity River
    - There is an app that focuses on raising awareness environmental cleanup events