

# 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)	x
Marilyn Waligore	Vice Chair (Vote)	X
Sy Han Chiou	Faculty (Vote)	X
Craig Lewis	Staff (Vote)	X
Deborah Reynolds	Staff (Vote)	
Jennifer Good	Student (Vote)	X
Joey Campain	Student (Vote)	
Calvin Jamison	Ex Officio (No Vote)	
Doug Tomlinson	Ex Officio (No Vote)	X
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	X
Morganne Blaylock	Visitor	
Alice Presti	Visitor	
Kim Rahebi	Visitor	X
Aaron Koehler	Visitor	
Erica Black	Visitor	X
Zach Greenberg	Visitor	
John McCaskill	Visitor	
Donovan Bays	Visitor	
Meghna Tare	Visitor/Speaker	X
Bernine Khan	Visitor	X
Mario Lozano	Visitor/Housing Coord.	X

- I. Greetings
- II. Minutes Approval
- III. Speaker
  - a. Meghna Tare UT Arlington Chief Sustainability Officer; Topic - North Texas Regional Centre for Expertise
- IV. New Business
  - a. Sustainability Committee Representation at Earth Fair
- V. Facilities Management / Sustainability Office
  - a. Please see updates on page 2 of agenda
- VI. Old Business
- VII. Past Events
  - a. Alternative Spring Break; Mar. 17-22
- VIII. Future Events
  - a. Trade-In, Trade-Up, Recycle; Apr. 10-26
  - b. Earth Week; Apr. 22-26
  - c. Callier Event w/ Kids; Apr. 18
  - d. Sustain. Ambassador Workshop, Apr. 18
  - e. Sustain. Service Honor Ceremony; May 1
- IX. Discussion (around the table)

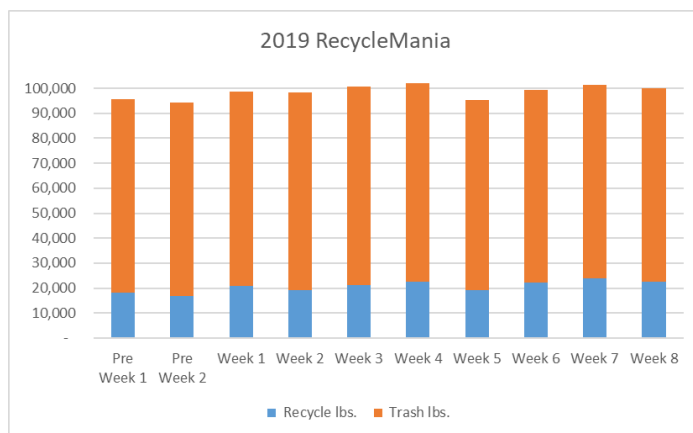


Figure 1 Trash and Recycling for RecycleMania 2019. Over 207,000 lbs. of material was recycled during RecycleMania

- a. New Green Office Certifications
  - i. The Office of Business Services at Facilities Management recently received their Green Office Certification of Platinum.
  
- b. Apiary Relocation
  - i. The new honeybee apiary was relocated near the native wildflower patch across from Facilities Management. Please see photo.
  
- c. RecycleMania Update
  - i. The University of Texas at Dallas 2019 RecycleMania results included over 207,000 lbs. of recycling. The calculated recycling rate is 21% for single stream, food waste, cardboard, and recycled cooking grease.
  
- d. Eco-Rep Projects
  - i. Bee Campus USA
  - ii. Comet Composting
  - iii. Greenhouse Gas Emissions
  - iv. Organic Landcare Experiment
  - v. Biodiversity Assessment
  - vi. Bio Blitz
  - vii. Earth Week Booth Planning
  - viii. Sustainability Service Honors Ceremony
  - ix. AASHE STARS Report Assistance
  
- e. New LEED Building
  - i. Engineering & Computer Science West is officially LEED Certified as Gold
  
- f. Mural @ Blanca Botello
  - i. The water catchment at Facilities Management will receive an artistic touch in collaboration with the Art UTD Student Organization and The Office of Sustainability.
  
- g. Adding Bio Blitz to Flutter By
  - i. After Butterfly Flutterby, volunteers will utilize the iNaturalist App to help identify and assess the biodiversity situated at the Monarch Waystation at UT Dallas.
  - ii. Students, Staff, and Faculty are encouraged to participate.
  
- h. USGBC and AASHE Memberships
  - i. UT Dallas memberships have been renewed
  - ii. We highly encourage reviewing membership opportunities to AASHE and USGBC as they are free and there are resources available.
  
- i. FLA & WRC
  - i. UT System explored affiliating with FLA and WRC (Fair Labor Association and Workers Rights Consortium) at the system level based on UTD's interest, but terms of affiliation did not allow the system to do so. UT System has said that they will ask each institution whether they wish to affiliate. I am working with them to determine exact process and will work through chain of command for UTD's decision.



### 8th annual UT Dallas Earth Week

	Monday, April 22	Tuesday, April 23	Wednesday, April 24	Thursday, April 25	Friday, April 26	
	<b>Trade-In, Trade Up, Recycle (9am-7pm April 10-26, UTD Tech Store)</b>					
8:30 AM						
9:00 AM	Free Garden Workshop (9-10:30am, Garden)				Butterfly Flutterby (9-11am, Waystation)	
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10:00 AM		Bee Hive Install (10-11am, TBD)	Operation Upcycle (10am-12pm, Galaxy A&B)	Hive Install (10-11am, TBD)		
10:30 AM				Earth Fair (11am-1pm, SU Mall)	Pop-Up Farmers Market (10am-2pm, Plinth)	
11:00 AM		eARTH-a-rama: Every Litter-Bit Hurts (11am-12:30pm, SSA 12.471)				
11:30 AM						
12:00 PM					BioBlitz (11am-12:30pm, Waystation)	
12:30 PM						
1:00 PM	Free Garden Workshop (1-2:30pm, Garden)	Bee Hive Install (1-2pm, North Hive)	Make-up Bee Hive Install (1-2pm, North Hive)			
1:30 PM						
2:00 PM				Sust. in Research Discussion Panel (2-3pm, SSA Auditorium)		
2:30 PM						
3:00 PM	LEED Tour (3-4pm, ECSW lobby)					
3:30 PM						
4:00 PM						
4:30 PM						
5:00 PM						
5:30 PM						
6:00 PM						
6:30 PM						
7:00 PM						
7:30 PM		EarthX Movie (7:30-9:30pm, Res Hall Courtyard)				
8:00 PM						
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## Minutes

Start 4:00 PM

- Attendance
  - Carolyn Reichert
  - Marilyn Waligore
  - Sy Han Chiou
  - Craig Lewis
  - Jennifer Good
  - Doug Tomlinson
  - Robin Russell/ John Walls
  - Gary Cocke
  - Evan Paret
  - Aleks Adamopoulos
  - Kim Rahebi
  - Aaron Koehler
  - Erica Black
  - Meghna Tare
  - Bernine Khan
  - Mario Lozano
  
- **Greetings**
- **Minutes Approval**
  - There were no objections to approving the minutes
  - Minutes are approved
- **Speaker**
  - Meghna Tare UT Arlington Chief Sustainability Officer; Topic - North Texas Regional Centre for Expertise
    - Meghna provided an overview of the Global [RCE Network](#)
    - There are now seven RCE entities in the United States and 168 globally
    - UT Dallas and UT Arlington are working together to lead efforts to maintain the RCE North Texas network
    - The RCE Network utilizes the UN SDG's to help collaborate globally and regionally to establish sustainability oriented goals and initiatives
    - There is a Youth Network Conference coming up on April 17<sup>th</sup>
      - Gary will send an invite to the committee
      - The conference will be available to attend virtually as well
  
- **New Business**
  - Sustainability Committee Representation at Earth Fair
    - Committee Chair, Carolyn Reichert will be at the booth during Earth Fair
    - It is encouraged that committee members participate in Earth Fair boothing
    - The Committee booth with focus on mission, vision, projects, guidelines, goals, etc...
    - The booth will be next to the Sustainability booths; support is provided as needed
    - Earth Fair is Thursday, April 25 from 11 to 1 pm

- **Facilities Management / Sustainability Office**
  - Please see updates on page 2 of agenda
    - All details are provided
    - For any additional questions, please contact us
  
- **Old Business**
  
- **Past Events**
  - Alternative Spring Break; Mar. 17-22
    - The Office of Student Volunteerism organizes volunteer trips during Spring Break
    - This is an opportunity for staff and students to participate in volunteerism
    - Staff members can be Responsible University Officials per each trip
    - The volunteering opportunities are a great way to get involved
    - If you are interested in learning more, please contact OSV
  
- **Future Events**
  - Trade-In, Trade-Up, Recycle; Apr. 10-26
    - The UTD Tech Store has officially begun collection of personal e-waste for recycling
    - Bring any personal e-waste to the store and receive in-store credit or discounts
    - Hard drive recycling is available, however, it will be taken off-site for destruction
    - The Office of Information Security at UT Dallas offers hard drive destruction on-campus
    - For more information, contact the Sustainability Office
  
  - Earth Week; Apr. 22-26
    - Please see updated calendar of events on the agenda
    - Encourage your friends and coworkers to attend the open Earth Week events
    - Participation or attendance to sustainability events will help earn points on the Green Office Certification Program
  
  - Callier Event w/ Kids; Apr. 18
    - The Office of Sustainability Eco Reps will be helping teach kids from Callier how to plant and grow vegetables in a garden
  
  - Sustain. Ambassador Workshop, Apr. 18
    - This is the first Sustainability Ambassador workshop at UT Dallas
    - The workshop will be oriented toward how to navigate the Green Office Certification Program, how to be more sustainable in the workplace, and how to engage others about sustainability
    - The registration period ends Thursday, April 11
    - Future training will be made available
  
  - Sustain. Service Honor Ceremony; May 1
    - As of current, there are three students who have successfully submitted their hours that will receive recognition
    - The ceremony will include recognition, a certificate, a UN SDG lapel pin, and the opportunity to help expand a milkweed site near the library

- **Discussion (around the table)**

- Mario Lozano is the new Housing Operations representative who will assist with Sustainability Initiatives in Housing
  - Mario from Housing attended the meeting and offered to assist in tracking trash/recycling at Housing
  - Evan will coordinate with Mario
- Efforts are being made to acquire more information on dumpster sensor and camera technology
  - This would help maximize efficiency in waste hauling schedules
  - This would help maximize accuracy in tracking waste diversion
- Over 600 milkweed are projected to be planted at the primary Monarch Waystation during the Butterfly Flutterby this year during Earth Week