

# Sustainability Committee Annual Report 14-15

### Sustainability Committee Voting Membership:

Mustapha Ishak-Boushaki, Chair Doug Goodman, Vice-Chair Babak Fahimi, Faculty Member Craig Lewis, Staff Representative Katie Truesdale, Student Rep Caitlyn Fortner, Student Rep

#### **Committee Campus Partners:**

Kevin Kwiatowski, Student Affairs / Housing Mackenzie Hunter, Student Affairs / Volunteerism John McCaskill, EPPS Allison Jenkins, Chartwells/Dining Services Becky Jin, Sustainability Club Mariana Garay Romero, Sustainability Club Maya Khemsara, Sustainability Club Sabrina Jordan, Facilities Management

#### **Committee Ex-Officio Members:**

Calvin Jamison, VP Administration Rick Dempsey, AVP Facilities Management John Walls, AVP Communications

Supported by: Thea Junt, Sustainability Manager



#### Areas of Activities:

- **Communications**—Website development and social media interactions across campus; develop kiosks explaining sustainability efforts; participate in freshmen orientations. Conduct an Anti -litter campaign. Conduct a campus wide-survey regarding sustainability.
- Infrastructure—continue adding water bottle filling stations in buildings. Work to improve recycling and access to recycling across campus. Work to build a network of recycling liaisons in each building / department to improve recycling awareness and access.
- Habitat— Create sustainable landscapes such as wildflower fields and a milkweed pasture; provide education and awareness for these endeavors
- **Academics**—Provide educational opportunities to the committee members. Develop curriculum development for courses in sustainability, especially in the area of environmental policy.
- **Students**—Provide information on recycling to student groups. Continue to partner with the Sustainability Club throughout the year. Expand planning and programming for Earth Week to include committee members.
- **Committee**—Improve participation and attendance at committee meetings by ex-officio members.

## Summary of Presentations, Discussions, and Events for 2014-2015:

The State of Recycling—UT Dallas Facilities Management

Transition to Single Stream Recycling– UT Dallas Facilities Management

Expanded Green Courses at UT Dallas—John McCaskill, UT Dallas EPPS

Students & Sustainability—The Sustainability Club @ UT Dallas

Living Building Challenge—Tricia Loe, USGBC North Texas Chapter

Campus Construction—UT Dallas Facilities Management

Earth Week—Hosted by Office of Student Volunteerism and Facilities Management

UT Dallas Monarch Waystation

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UT Dallas' 4th Annual Earth Week was a success! There were lots of student participation and a variety of events across campus. Below is a summary of events from the week.

| Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday   |
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| Adopt-A-Highway<br>Cleanup<br>Volunteer Event<br>Monarch Mad-<br>ness: Milkweed<br>Planting<br>Volunteer Event<br>Radio UTD: CD<br>Drive | E-Waste<br>Roundup<br>VOICE: Veggie<br>Fest<br>Radio UTD: CD<br>Drive<br>Documentary:<br>Honey Bee-Ware | UT Dallas<br>Earth Fair<br>Radio UTD: CD<br>Drive<br>USGBC Leed<br>Tour<br>Continuing Educa-<br>tion Credits | Urban<br>Tree Farm<br>Cleanup<br>Volunteer<br>Event | Free<br>Gardening<br>Workshop<br>Volunteer<br>Event<br>Operation Up-<br>cycle: Plastic Bag<br>Jump Ropes | Community<br>Garden<br>Workday<br>Volunteer<br>Event |

