

UTSA The University of Texas at San Antonio **Sustainability Council**

The first 2024-2025 Sustainability Council meeting Sept 30, 2024.

In attendance:

Antonio Alvarez	Council member
Lani May	Council chair
Rebecca Ornelas	
Anna Morton	Council member
Aydan Villarreal	Council member
Jennifer Miguel Orellana (COLFA student)	
Ellise (Eli) Rodriguez (HCAP)	Council member
Mekhi Churchill (Freshman Senator)	
Alex (no last name)	
Briana Miller (Senator SGA)	
Conor Cummings	

1. Meet and greet
2. Question: What sustainability issue or initiative is most important to you?
3. Discussed HOP 9.43, UT System 169
4. Overview of UTSA Sustainability Council History and purpose:
 - To support a more sustainable UTSA.
 - To deliver an annual report by July 2025
 - To abide by and update the UTSA 5-year plan on Sustainability
5. Discussed the following topics:
 - a. Rebecca would like to create better communications with students about the office of sustainability and it's initiatives
 - b. Anna heating lighting plumbing – get perspective
 - c. Jennifer: spreading knowledge and awareness
 - d. Eli: making UTSA campuses more vibrant and adding bushes, color etc. aligned with the SGA initiative to build student experience
 - e. Mekhi: Disability Services. Attending to circulation and accessibility. Also a greener campus.
 - f. Water fountains, refresh bottle filers. Waste reduction. Adding bike racks. Addressing Scooters
 - g. Alex: funding and UTIMCO (university of Texas/Texas A&M investment management company). Trash building up between Guadalupe, Chap, and Alvarez.
 - h. Briana: Trash and recycling. Trash on the fields during practice. – Lani will contact Laura and let her know. Lani will follow up with any response.
6. Discussed the placemaking project at Mom's kitchen
7. Discussed the hike and bike TxDOT TA funding \$11.7 million for 12' ped path and 8' cycle track coming by 2027 -2028.
8. Discussed waste tracking.

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