

## Sustainability Task Force – Spring 2016 Meeting I

January 29, 2015

Stadium Parking Garage, Room 123

10 a.m. to Noon

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1. Introductions
2. Proposal for meeting time and purpose
  - a. Side projects: <http://bit.ly/STFprojects>
3. Updates
  - a. RecycleMania calendar: [uh.edu/recyclemania](http://uh.edu/recyclemania)
    - i. Kickoff: Feb. 11
    - ii. Sustainability meetup: Feb 17
    - iii. Sustainability meetup: March 8
    - iv. Electronics Recycling Drive: April 1
    - v. Potential food waste demo in March
  - b. Pocket prairie fundraiser: [crowdrise.com/grassrootsforchange](http://crowdrise.com/grassrootsforchange)
  - c. Other Spring Events: Keep UH Beautiful Day, Earth Week, Bike to UH Day, (calendar at: [www.uh.edu/sustainability](http://www.uh.edu/sustainability))
  - d. HAUFC Tree Planting Competition: <http://bit.ly/HAUFCtreeplanting>
  - e. Out: TRACS Feb. 1-4; ASU Feb. 28-March 1; Spring break
4. Big belly design review: <http://bit.ly/bigbellydesign>
5. Sustainability policy edits: <http://bit.ly/UHsustainpolicy>
  - a. Suggested definitions:
  - b. Sustainability is the ability to meet the needs of the present while living within the carrying capacity of supporting ecosystems, and without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.
  - c. Sustainability is a transition from short-term thinking to long term seeing. It's a shift in perspective where environmental, social and economic challenges are no longer viewed as separate and competing but rather interconnected and complementary. Sustainability is meeting the needs of the present without sacrificing the ability of future generations to meet their needs.
  - d. Sustainable development is positive change that does not undermine the environmental or social systems on which we depend. It requires a coordinated approach to planning and policy making that involves public participation. Its success depends on widespread understanding of the critical relationship between people and their environment and the will to make necessary changes.
  - e. Sustainability creates and maintains the conditions under which humans and nature can exist in productive harmony that permit fulfilling the environmental, social and economic requirements of present and future generations.
  - f. List of other definitions: <http://bit.ly/definesustainability>