Adams Sustainability Celebration
Panel Discussion
Sustainability at UTM

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OVERVIEW

Sustainability Strategic Plan
- 5 Pillars
- Process overview

STARS
- Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System

Next Steps
- Sustainability Strategic Plan - Implementation
- STARS
- Vision for sustainability at UTM
Sustainability Strategic Plan

Pillars

1. Academic Programs and Curriculum
2. Research
3. Campus Engagement
4. Civic Engagement
5. Human Resources & Infrastructure
   - Facilities/Built Environment
   - Food & Dining
   - Procurement
   - Wellness/Well-being
   - Waste
   - Transportation
Sustainability Strategic Plan

Process Overview

- Town hall
- Focus groups
- Visioning sessions
  - Held in June/July 2020
  - Ten sessions covering the 5 Pillars
  - Attendees included: UTM staff, faculty, students
- Survey
  - 1201 respondents
  - Valuable information helped to inform the Plan....
Survey Results – High Level Highlights

- More than half of the respondents indicated they have already taken or intend to take sustainability-related courses if there is enough flexibility within their academic program to allow for it.

- The 3 major areas that most respondents think UTM should become more sustainable are waste management, investment in renewable energy, and sustainability education.

- The top 3 sustainability initiatives the respondents are aware of are UTM Nature Trail, Sustainability Week, and the UTM bike share program.

- 767 respondents stated that they think sustainability should be a priority on our campus.
Sustainability Strategic Plan

Pillar 3: Campus Engagement

- Widespread campus engagement will foster a culture of sustainability through student, staff and faculty-driven activities

Pillar 4: Civic Engagement

- UTM will establish local and global partnerships in Sustainability teaching, research, operations and community
Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS)
STARS

5 certification levels:

- Reporter (No rating assigned)
- Bronze (25% of applicable points)
- Silver (45% of applicable points)
- Gold (65% of applicable points)
- Platinum (85% of applicable points)

Categories

- Academics, Research, Engagement, Operations, Planning & Administration, Innovation and Leadership
Next Steps
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Sustainability Strategic Plan
- Working groups
- Annual report

STARS
- Submit for rating
- Aiming for STARS silver

Vision for Sustainability at UTM
- STARS Gold by 2023
- Leader in sustainability
- Culture of sustainability at UTM
Thank You

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