

Student Sustainability Task Force

Notes 10/27/2015



Meeting Agenda

- Announcements [skip]
 - Job opportunities!
 - [Sustainable Tech Coordinator](#)
 - [Orion](#)
 - <http://www.bire.org/>
 - Furthering Your Education
 - [Global Environmental Politics](#) at American University
 - [Study Abroad](#) with School for Field Studies
 - Can request an info packet
- Upcoming Events [2 minutes]
 - [Growing a Children's Forest in Rensselaer County](#) – Tomorrow 7-9pm
 - Sage Labs 5th Floor Lounge
 - Contact Kim Fortun
 - [SEP's Let's Talk Classes](#) Wednesday, November 4, 9-10pm Nason Classroom
 - Light refreshments
 - Talk about classes, your experiences, learn what classes are a good fit
 - [Recycling Redesign Poster Design Contest](#) By November 14
 - Ecologic recycling poster redesign contest
 - Size 8.5 by 11
 - Email submission to philf@rpi.edu
 - [Eco-Mixer: Sanctuary](#) Reschedule (November 14th)
 - Make forum
 - Want to encourage kids in STSH/STSS classes to come
 - Not too cold as well
 - Co-host with Ecologic?
 - Email about trip the 4th
 - SEP's Eco-Kids Night out Friday November 6th 7pm-10pm
 - Academy Hall Auditorium
 - Teach kids about the environment
 - Last year had an Eco-fashion show
 - Contact Morgan Johnson if you have ideas or want to help out
- Recent (past events) [skip]
 - [Screening of Cowspiracy](#)
 - Thursday 5-6:30 @ Nason
 - [Vasudha workshop #4: Saw, Drill & Paint](#)

- Friday 4:30-6:30 at Nason Hall
- Club Updates[skip]
 - SEP
 - Meeting Wednesday 9pm Shellnut Gallery
 - Sustainable Light Club
 - Meet Thursdays
 - Terra Café
 - Wednesday 11-2:30, Chili: Lunches \$8 in EMPAC
 - volunteer 2 hours for free lunch
 - Training 6:30 Tuesdays in Vasudha classroom
 - Terra thanksgiving will be early: 11/11 buffet style for \$10
 - Ecologic
 - Meet Tuesday 6pm in Nason
 - Vasudha
 - Thanksgiving Dinner – Late November
- Environmental Space Discussion [15 minutes]
 - Eco-Space Committee
 - Need people from EWB and ESW
 - **WIFI CALL HELPDESK (assign task)**
 - Clean-up Day When?? (Wednesday, Sat, or Sun?)
 - Priority for now is cleaning & cleaning supplies
 - Host an event with Natalie? Learn how to make clean up things?
 - Ideas to incorporate in the mural
 - Likely to be painted during study datya
- New Business [25 minutes]
 - Sustainability Newsletter
 - Write an article if you want, want other groups to write in
 - Any eco event/mixer, updates on projects
 - Internships, scholarships, prof development stuff
 - [Articles](#)
 - SEP contacted?
 - EWB?
 - Ecologic?
 - People in Classes
 - Lighting Club?
 - Pictures? Upload to Folder in Drive
 - Sustainability Column Articles in Poly (Erica)
 - Eco-Mixer Article
 - Add'l contacts/interested groups for poly articles
 - Outreach
 - Reach out to RAs, classes in STS department

- Make announcements about what we do in classes (freshmen heavy)
 - Recruitment & Retention –attend & take notes if not busy
- Eco-Mixer – Co-hosting with SEP Fall Festivities
 - November 20th 5-7pm
 - Pumpkin carving & using the seeds & extra stuff
 - Chocolate chip pumpkin muffins
 - Watch environmental movie?
 - Vashudha, SEP Apt? Or Kiani’s apt
- Eco-Secret Santa
 - Hand-made, reusable, local materials
 - Backburner but create form & start organizing with environmentalist
- [Conference at Vassar](#)
 - November 7th & 6th
 - Cost (subsidize \$15), **transportation** (reimburse gas \$ & travel expenses)
 - Day trip is the 7th – get a free T Shirt!
 - Register link – send out email
 - Send out link
 - Arie cannot attend
- [5th Annual R&D Student Competition](#) (NYSP2I) – Applications due Nov 13th
 - Natalie, Fiona & Kiani team on recycling
 - Working with Environmental and Site Services
 - Improving recycling & introducing composting to RPI
 - Lunch April 22nd
 - Recycling Improvements
 - Working with Environmental and Site Services
 - Improving recycling & introducing composting to RPI
 - Water conservation(talk during GRF)
 - Sherese, Arie, (2 more people)
- Website/Activity
 - on note cards - Now vs Future
- GRF [15 minutes]
 - [ByLaws](#)
 - Draft similar to SSTF bylaws
 - **Everyone work on your assigned projects, please**
 - **GET GRANTWRITING SUPERVISOR (Create List of Potential Helpers)**
 - Staff member (Kim? Brandon?)
 - Student member acting as point
 - Include them as “grant coordinator” in bylaws
 - Potentially generate annual reports? – look at other schools
 - Proposals need to include: Solution, price, ROI
 - Money & time commitment (90%- 10% administration for first 5 years, etc)

- Water*
 - **Shower Heads Sherese (Ari, Paige)**
- Break into Project Groups [30 minutes]
 - Everyone's goal: Declare Next Steps!
 - What resources needed, who to contact, etc.
 - Use Dan's Expected Timelines!
 - **WEP (lead Sherese) (Ari)**
 - **Team for the competition using this project – app due Nov 13th**
 - Next Steps & Deadlines, People to contact, include what?
 - **Sodexo rated environmental highly (lead ERICA) (Amelia, Dan, Kiani)**
 - **“Better tomorrow” -[Ideas](#)**
 - Next steps who to contact, focus on what?
- Wrap Up: Summarize Next Steps [3 minutes]
 - Update project notes to Drive
 - Assign action items