

Student Sustainability Task Force

Meeting 11/19/14



Agenda

- Announcements
- Club Updates (5 minutes)
- Project Updates (5 minutes)
 - Green Revolving Fund
 - Sodexo
 - Water Fountains
 - Urban farming
 - SustainAffinity
 - Sustainability Newsletter Email
- Old Business (5 minutes)
 - SSTF Archives
 - Finally have!
 - Sustainability Clearinghouse site
- Write about particular projects, Eco princess-fest
- Funding
- New Business (15 minutes)
 - Constitution/By-laws Discussion
 - Sustainability Article for 12/03 issue
 - Discussion of SSTF funding other clubs
 - Future Projects

Attendance

- Jesse
- Elizabeth
- Kiani
- Erica
- AK

Club updates

- EcoLogic: Eco Princess Festival is this weekend and is doing elections in December
- Green Greeks: still working on Best Practices Document and electing a new president soon
- SEP: potential career fairs for next semester
- Terra Café: their food was good today

Project Updates

- GRF
 - ROI of 8 years
 - VP of Administration Claude Rounds is for the project if we have a solid proposal
 - ROI of SSTF projects
 - Recycling bins/audit of waste bins
 - Talked with Steve Angle and Claude Rounds
 - AK has data; so does Steve Angle
 - Saved \$700,000 and cost \$80,000
 - RPI has contract with Waste Management, every pound/ton of garbage we pay for but we don't pay for recycling
 - Sodexo
 - No update
 - Urban Farming
 - Choosing a good site
 - Design greenhouse
 - Survey to determine what to grow
 - SustainAffinity
 - Sustainability alumni event
 - Sustainability Newsletter Email
 - Updates in two weeks
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- AK
 - Get liaison from president's office
- Project Updates (5 minutes)
 - Green Revolving Fund
 - Sodexo
 - No update
 - Water Fountains
 - Urban farming
 - Site with suitable sunlight
 - Budget
 - Design green house
 - Survey what to grow
 - SustainAffinity
 - Email has been sent to Geoff Seber, no answer yet
 - Create an event at SUST. During Alumni weekend
 - Sustainability Newsletter Email
 - Two weeks to get things in for December edition
 - Updates by next meeting two weeks from now
- Old Business
 - SSTF Archives

- Finally have!
 - Thanksgiving break Elizabeth will go over it
 - Sustainability Clearinghouse site
 - Started working on updating
 - Fall 2011 updates may be relevant
- Sustainability article
 - Write about particular projects, Eco princess-fest
- Funding
 - Eco-princess
 - Superhero masks, capes
 - Under \$100 most likely
 - Should go through E-board for other clubs
 - E-board directs to SSTF
 - We don't want that
 - Policy, for x, y, z happens, or maximum if it doesn't
 - Fund shouldn't be for travel abroad
 - Enhances sustainability, defined proposal, why E-board isn't going for it
 - Don't want to be an E-board for green clubs
 - Co-sponsorship when an event is funded (like Eco Princess Festival)
 - Other concerns how SSTF is spending their money on spending important things so people & possible grants applying for
 - Spent no money last year except for Elizabeth's Power Shift travel
 - Could some go toward the GRF?
 - Good idea for clubs just starting up, trouble getting funding elsewhere or unable to get funding from E-board
 - Green Greeks doesn't have money, restarted in fall 2012, proposal to e-board but didn't get funding because of the word 'greeks' in it (club is open to all)
 - Started under SSTF so there is also that consideration
 - Rules so we can deflect certain people, but also want to be able to fund certain projects
 - Recycling education, posters on what is recyclable, new design?
 - Other outreach on recycling
 - Water conservation
 - Especially if it saves money
 - Power shift – National Conference
 - Speakers, organization skills and leadership, outreach media
 - Fall 2015? Keep checking wearepowershift.org
 - Can use SSTF funds to go (travel, registration) to this and other conferences
 - Great experience
 - Other environmental conferences

- Future Projects
 - Momentum, to show we need a liaison for SSTF
 - **Centralized green purchasing or Green Purchasing**
 - For example printer paper, printing,
 - Within the purchasing divisions & facilities
 - Sustainability awareness/guidelines
 - Take initial funding
 - Long run save money
 - prove it will save money over period can be incorporated in GRF
 - Education
 - Cleaning staff, staff
 - Vashuda
 - From SSTF
 - ResLife
 - Same values won't per-say get with other people
 - Sustainable housing
 - Challenging to do temperature regulation
 - Two types
 - With feedback (Union)
 - Without feedback (Sage)
 - Modernizing heating and cooling will save money
 - How?
 - Dorms easier to program and fixed
 - Freshman hill, heated& cool by system under commons
 - Sophomore hill one unit also
 - Union independent
 - BARH own unit; Barton also independent perhaps
 - Building takes 10-15 years to pay over
 - Upgrades better option
 - North & East retrofitting; closing indefinitely; insulated with asbestos
 - Could recommend things, but may be definite things happening
 - Goal: finish GRF in spring
 - Food waste subset in recycling handed to ESW (Sam took over that)
 - Talk to Evan (president) about status of project
 - Don't know what to recycle, education needed