

**Student Sustainability Task Force
Minutes 02.28.08**

- 1) Steve Davis is meeting with Rob Chernow next Tuesday
- 2) Steve Davis and Bob Crawford meeting with Jean Howard
 - a. Got performance plan for a day, but was taken back
 - b. She is “sustainability champion” for Lally School, we think she’d like to be on the Task Force
 - c. Overall, good feedback
 - d. Steve set them up with recycling
- 3) Meeting with Laban Coblentz
 - a. Make point that we are representing a larger group
 - b. Speak to Rensselaer Plan
 - c. We want a “green” campus and “green” students/faculty/staff
 - d. Frame it as “working with them”
 - e. Frame as “opportunity”
 - f. Good environmental and financial sense
 - g. Philosophical
 - i. Culture of sustainability
 - ii. Making sustainability a core value
 - iii. Good PR
 - h. Deliverables
 - i. Low-hanging fruits - Help him help us – what are easy goals
 1. Form a sustainability committee (Rensselaer Task Force)
 2. FYE -
 - a. make “Welcoming” sustainable
 - b. Apple picking
 3. Recycling
 4. Energy – 6mil vs. 13mil – Need Energy Conservation Coordinator
 - ii. Need a Sustainability Director – need a contact for people on campus
 - iii. Performance Plans – sustainability weaved in
 - iv. Educational/Awareness program
 1. Conference on sustainability in the classroom
- 4) Get thank you card for Laban for meeting with us and have SSTF members sign it (will be outside my office)
- 5) Earth Week
 - a. Installations of Recyclables/Water/CO2 – **Brainstorm specific ideas**
 - i. Dumpster Dives
 - ii. Artwork

iii. Pigs eating the compost

- 6) How can we create the student demand?
 - a. If something's all around you, you don't even notice it. It's engrained. How can we set it up so students want it to be engrained?
 - b. Catch the freshmen
- 7) Dump & Run – tying community aspect with sustainability
 - a. Give to Lewis Family
- 8) Michael Jensen to send some university rankings to Ben and Sarah
- 9) Find the peer and aspirant schools of RPI
- 10) Greek community
- 11) Steve buying recycling for Biotech!
- 12) Alumni house bought recycling bins for their building
- 13) Ben Hunt got recycling in Greene (architecture) building
- 14) Next Thursday (6th), 9:30-3:00, “Food Waste Management Symposium” discussing composting, food waste at the Union
- 15) AASHE.org – (American Association for Sustainability in Higher Education) - sign up for this newsletter!
- 16) Displaying energy data – ESW?
- 17) Talk to building coordinators about sustainability
- 18) Need to speak their language. Give them the bill. Put it in terms people can understand. Get people to think differently. This is the challenge.
- 19) Have bookstore and Sodexo charge people for plastic bags
- 20) How do we fix transportation need? i.e. to Pricechopper
 - a. Survey to get student input

Attendance:

Students: Ben Cohen, Sarah Parks, Ben Hunt, Dan Corda, Marc Santos, Franklin Regan

Staff/Faculty: W. Scott Adams, Michael Jensen, Oliver Holmes, Steve Davis