

Student Sustainability Task Force

Notes 10/20/2015



Meeting Minutes

- Announcements [2 minutes]
 - Job opportunities!
 - <http://www.bire.org/>
http://jobs.orionmagazine.org/?utm_source=obsourcemail+October+2015&utm_campaign=Orion+email+job+board+10%2F15%2F15&utm_medium=email
- Upcoming Events [2 minutes]
 - [Screening of Cowspiracy](#)
 - Thursday 5-6:30 @ Nason
 - [Vasudha workshop #4: Saw, Drill & Paint](#)
 - Friday 4:30-6:30 at Nason Hall
 - [Eco-Mixer: Sanctuary](#) (Sat Oct 24)
 - Family weekend (feel free to invite family)
 - [5th Annual R&D Student Competition](#) (NYSP2I)
 - [Webinar Fri, Oct 23 12-1pm](#)
 - Any questions to pose?
 - Apps due Nov 13th
 - Send out to Natalie and Fiona too
 - Lunch April 22nd
 - Application due Friday Nov 13 (community/university environmental challenge)
- Recent (past events) [2 minutes]
 - SEP Eco-Mixer: Brunch (Oct 17)
 - Was good, wasn't many people there but lots of laughs & fun
 - Kiani's planning on going to their next meeting if you want to join
 - Wednesday 10/21 at 9pm in Shellnut Gallery
 - Write an article about this?
 - At "Let's talk classes", talk research opportunities
 - Eco-Mixer: Volunteering at Capital Roots
 - Will travel there another day to pick up produce free of food miles
- Club Updates[skip]
 - SEP
 - Meeting Wednesday 9pm Shellnut Gallery
 - Sustainable Light Club
 - Meet Thursdays
 - Terra Café

- Wednesday 11-2:30, Caribbean jerk with rice & sweet plantains
 - 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 Union?
 - Vasudha (upcoming events above)
- Environmental Space Discussion [15 minutes]
 - Eco-Space Committee (email list & drive)
 - Invite other environmental clubs
 - Make a Petition to get WIFI in the 87 gym
 - **CALL HELPDESK**
 - Or talk to Erica's boyfriend
 - Next Wednesday, Sunday (when is good) to plan a cleanup day
 - Signup sheet
 - Cohost w/ Natalie something?
 - Priority for now is cleaning & cleaning supplies
 - Lots of great ideas involving a food sustainability program, river conservation, and posters & art work
 - Would love to create a permanent piece on campus as well
 - Ideas?
 - Green steps to recycling bins
 - Music collaboration with GZ!!!! (contact them)
 - Posters
 - Focus on boards in sage & other academic buildings
 - Call to actions!!
 - Register to vote
 - Community activism—get involved
 - SSTF advertisements
 - **Recycling & what is recyclable**
 - Stickers for food containers in union
 - Attending our meetings
 - Preserving Hudson
 - Political stance
 - Suggest actions (contacting congressmen)
 - Contact Crew to see if they want to do something
- New Business [15 minutes]
 - Sustainability Newsletter (Erica start getting it together)
 - Write an article if you want, want other groups to write in
 - Any eco event/mixer, updates on projects

- Internships, scholarships, prof development stuff
 - Article for Sustainability column in Poly (Erica)
 - Eco-Mixer Article
 - Green Tips in the Poly when we don't have an article
 - May have to pay for them as advertisements
- Outreach
 - Reach out to RAs, classes in STS department
 - Make announcements about what we do in classes (go way to get underclassmen to attend meetings)
 - Recruitment & Retention –take notes if not busy
 - Eco-Mixer – Co-hosting with SEP (Coordinate with Joelle)
 - Pumpkin carving
 - Get carving kits (Walmart?)
 - Estimates on pumpkins
 - Would like to make pumpkin treats as well!
 - Chocolate chip pumpkin muffins
 - Place? Time? When Is Good?
 - Watch environmental movie
 - Eco-Secret Santa
 - Hand-made, reusable, local materials
 - Backburner but create form & start organizing with environmentalist
- [Conference at Vassar](#)
 - November 7th & 6th
 - Who, cost (1 day \$15, 2 day \$30, subsidize?), **transportation** (reimburse gas \$)
 - Day trip is the 7th – get a free T Shirt!
 - Amelia can drive 4 other people
 - Send out an interest document
- Recycling Improvements
 - Working with Environmental and Site Services
 - Improving recycling & introducing composting to RPI
 - Let Kiani know if you want to go to meeting about it
- GRF [15 minutes]
 - By Laws
 - Draft similar to SSTF bylaws
 - **Everyone work on your assigned projects, please**
 - **GET GRANTWRITING SUPERVISOR (Create List of Potential Helpers)**
 - Staff member
 - Student member acting as point
 - Include them as “grant coordinator” in bylaws
 - Potentially generate annual reports?
 - Look up guide online? Find from other universities

- Proposals need to include
 - Solution, price, ROI
 - Improve outline
 - Money & time commitment (90%- 10% administration for first 5 years, etc)
 - Get professor as a supervisor (Kim? Brandon?)
 - **Have draft completed by ?**
 - Dan, Amelia, Erica
 - Water*
 - **Shower Heads Sherese (Ari, Paige)**
 - American standard soft flow (40% less water)
 - \$53-77
 - Find out cost-per-use/highest traffic bathrooms
 - **Find out what buildings would need this**
 - Shower
 - **Stickers informational ones about conserving water**
 - Look into this – work with eco-logic?
- Break into Project Groups [30 minutes]
 - Everyone’s goal: Declare Next Steps!
 - What resources needed, who to contact, etc.
 - **Shower Heads (lead Sherese) (Ari, Paige)**
 - **Team for the competition using this project – app due Nov 13th**
 - Sensory sink
 - Info stickers or posters?
 - For freshmen
 - **Sodexo rated environmental highly (ERICA) (Amelia, Dan, Amanda, Kiani)**
 - **“Better tomorrow”**
 - Brainstorm ideas
 - Sodexo’s water usage
 - **Recycling posters too!**
- Wrap Up: Summarize Next Steps [7 minutes]
 - Update project notes to Drive
 - Assign action items