

Student Sustainability Task Force

Notes 11/10/2015

Meeting Agenda



Action Items	
Everyone	Work on your projects Bring in updates for next week
Kiani	Contact Rafael for bottle collection Goals for next semester
Sherese	Email Have project proposal begun
Erica	Send out sodexo email
Amelia	Try to contact/get info for Vassar-style program
Arie	
Dan	Goals for next semester

- [Sustainability Newsletter!](#)
- Upcoming Events [5 minutes]
 - Terra Café Thanksgiving November 11
 - Buffet style \$10
 - [Recycling Redesign Poster Design Contest](#) By November 14
 - **Ecologic recycling poster redesign contest**
 - Size 8.5 by 11
 - Email submission to philf@rpi.edu
 - SSTF's Trip to the Sanctuary Saturday November 14, 2015
 - [Sign up here](#)
 - [Resist Toxic Fracking Think Tank](#) Wednesday November 18
 - Suggested Donation of \$5 for students
 - Where: Sanctuary for Independent Media
 - Session 1 1:00-2:30 Phenomena of Gasfield Refugees: Reports from the Battlefields West Virginia and Pennsylvania
 - **Session 2 2:30-4:00 Anti-Fracking Environmental Think Tank, Non-Violent Direct Action**
 - Session 3 4:00-5:00 Making Media Spectacle! Planning an Action with Yes Man! Mike Bonnano
 - Session 4 5:00-5:40 "Water Warriors" Art Reception
 - Community Potluck with Info Tables 5:30-6:30pm
 - Evening Screening 7:00 Anti-Fracking with Environmental Filmmakers Jon Bowermaster!
 - [Vasudha Hosted Thanksgiving](#) – November 22 6pm Nason Classroom

- Interested in helping out or bringing a dish: <http://goo.gl/forms/ucbKmmwl8U>
 - Bring your own utensils, cups & plates
 - Good Food (veggie, meat & vegan) & fun activities
 - All environmentally involved friends
 - Introducing Vasudha's NEW raised beds & sign them
- Recent (past events) [skip]
 - [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
 - SEP's Eco-Kids Night out Friday November 6th 7pm-10pm @ Academy Hall Auditorium
 - success
- Club Updates[5 minutes]
 - SEP
 - Planning Environmental Career Fair!
 - If have contacts/want to help out get in touch with them
rpisepemail@gmail.com
 - Sustainable Light Club
 - Meet Thursdays
 - Terra Café
 - Wednesday 11-2:30, Food : Lunches \$8 in EMPAC; Thanksgiving Dinner
 - volunteer 2 hours for free lunch
 - Training 6:30 Tuesdays in Vasudha classroom
 - Ecologic: Meets Tuesdays 6 in Nason
 - Poster contest (above)
 - Vasudha
 - Thanksgiving Dinner (above)
 - **ESW: 2L Plastic Bottle Fundraiser Contact Rafael Boscan (boscar@rpi.edu)**
 - **Help them out and support them: collect two-liter bottles**
 - **Traveling to Mexico January 3rd to January 11th**
 - **Implement two solar water heaters (using bottles as materials)**
 - **Need 200 2L Plastic Bottles by end of semester**
 - **Help with outreach (posters?) & collecting**
 - **Article in the Poly(?)**
 - Water Bottle Pre-Sale for Fundraising for Water Fountains
 - Next week will have additional info
 - Contact Emily Farella (farele@rpi.edu)
- Environmental Space Discussion [15 minutes]
 - Eco-Space Committee
 - Need people from EWB and ESW
 - Erica has contacted them
 - Wifi WeRGold (Natalie via Ecologic)

- Clean-up Day With Natalie & Arie
 - Priority for now is cleaning & cleaning supplies
 - Date TBD
 - Found sheet to track plants growth
- Mural
 - Likely to be painted during study days (pick a date/time frame?)
 - Send out a whenisgood about this – forward to other people
 - Ideas
 - Quotes about **taking action** (dr seuss, other environmental quotes)
 - Stuff about troy
 - Super colorful
- New Business [13 minutes]
 - Sustainability Column Articles in Poly (Erica)
 - Add'l contacts/interested groups for poly articles
 - ESW article for bottle collection
 - Outreach
 - Reach out to RAs, classes in STS department
 - Make announcements about what we do in classes (freshmen/soph heavy)
 - Recruitment & Retention –attend & take notes if not busy (or send delegates to brief us next week)
 - Eco-Mixer – Co-hosting with SEP Fall Festivities (tentatively) November 20th 5-7pm
 - Pumpkin carving (small pumpkins)
 - Chocolate chip pumpkin muffins
 - [List of supplies](#)
 - Eco-Secret Santa **Organize this 11/17**
 - Hand-made, reusable, local materials
 - Backburner but create form & start organizing with environmentalist
 - [Conference at Vassar](#) November 7th (Amelia & Kiani briefly summarize experience)
 - Beautiful campus, inspiring speakers, etc
 - Teach RPI what we learn
 - Earth Week (will discuss more next meeting!)
 - [Growing a Children's Forest in Rensselaer County](#) – Rik Scarce (super cool) book “Creating Sustainable Communities” & movie
 - There will be another one in the Spring!
 - [5th Annual R&D Student Competition](#) (NYSP2I) – Applications due Nov 13th
 - Feasibility – Start thinking about this for **next** year
 - Natalie, Fiona & Kiani team on recycling
 - Water conservation(talk during GRF) Sherese, Arie, (2 more people)

- Eco-Spa Day (totally a thing)
 - Yoga session
 - Face masks
 - TEA FOR EVERYONE
 - Cucumbers on our eyes
- GRF [45 minutes]
 - Break into Groups
 - Dan & Kiani ByLaws
 - Arie & Sherese – Water
 - Amelia & Erica - Sodexo
 - [ByLaws](#)
 - **The writing is mostly done**
 - **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
 - Try to get electricity usage on VCC (Steve Quinn)
 - Everyone’s goal: Fill out [Dan’s Expected Timelines!](#)
 - **WEP (lead Sherese) (Ari)**
 - [Action items on timeline](#)
 - **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)**
 - [PLAN AND NOTES HERE](#)
 - Someone Meet w Sodexo to ask about their commitments to “Better tomorrow”
 - Are they doing anything to meet the criteria listed on the site
 - How committed are they
 - **“Better tomorrow” -[Ideas](#)**
 - Feasible ideas
 - For any emails, CC Dan/Kiani so we’re on the same page
 - **Proposal writing guide** under the old GRF info [HERE](#)
- Wrap Up: Summarize Next Steps [5 minutes]
 - Update project notes to Drive
 - Assign action items