

# Student Sustainability Task Force

## Notes 10/27/2015



### Meeting Agenda

- Announcements [ skip]
  - Sustainability Newsletter!
- Upcoming Events [2 minutes 4:30-4:32]
  - [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 6<sup>th</sup> 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
  - 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](mailto:philf@rpi.edu)
  - [Vasudha Hosted Thanksgiving](#) – November 22 6pm Nason Classroom
    - Interested in helping out or brining 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
- Recent (past events) [skip]
  - [Growing a Children's Forest in Rensselaer County](#) – Wednesday 7-9pm
    - Sage Labs 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Lounge, workshop & charette good experience
- Club Updates[skip]
  - SEP
    - Let's Talk Classes Tomorrow
  - Sustainable Light Club
    - Meets Wednesdays at 5 in the CII room 7128
  - Terra Café
    - Wednesday 11-2:30, Food : Lunches \$8 in EMPAC
    - volunteer 2 hours for free lunch
      - Training 6:30 Tuesdays in Vasudha classroom

- Ravioli in Pumpkin Sauce
  - Ecologic: Meets Tuesdays 6 in Nason
    - Poster contest
  - Vasudha
    - Thanksgiving Dinner (above)
- Environmental Space Discussion [15 minutes 4:32-4:47]
  - Eco-Space Committee
    - Should meet & discuss sometime soon
    - Need people from EWB and ESW – talk to people to get someone on the team
  - **WIFI CALL HELPDESK (ERICA)**
  - 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?
      - Contact her?
  - Ideas to incorporate in the mural
    - Brainstorm:
      - Quotes about **taking action** (dr seuss, other environmental quotes)
      - Stuff about troy
      - Super colorful
    - Likely to be painted during study days
- New Business [10 minutes 4:47-4:57]
  - Sustainability Column Articles in Poly (Erica)
    - Whenever you want to send one, send it by Sunday
    - Pull one from the Newsletter for the Poly
      - Eco-Mixer Article
      - Add'l contacts/interested groups for poly articles
  - Sanctuary Trip
    - On Nov 14<sup>th</sup>
    - Need to make Facebook event
    - Figure out transportation
  - 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 (or send delegates to brief us next week) (Next Tuesday 4-5pm)
    - Eco-Mixer – Co-hosting with SEP Fall Festivities (tentatively) November 20<sup>th</sup> 5-7pm
      - Pumpkin carving (small pumpkins)
        - Chocolate chip pumpkin muffins
    - Eco-Secret Santa [skip]

- Hand-made, reusable, local materials
  - Backburner but create form & start organizing with environmentalist
- [Conference at Vassar](#)
  - November 7<sup>th</sup> we're going to go
  - Cost (subsidize \$15), **transportation** (reimburse gas \$ & travel expenses)
    - Day trip is the 7<sup>th</sup> – get a free T Shirt!
    - Teach RPI what we learn
      - Earth Week (will discuss more next meeting!)
- [5<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup>
    - 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 4:57-5:12]
  - [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
      - Try to get electricity usage on VCC (Steve Quinn)
- Break into Project Groups [45 minutes 5:12-5:57]
  - 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 13<sup>th</sup>**
    - Next Steps & Deadlines, People to contact, include what?
  - **Sodexo rated environmental highly (lead ERICA) (Amelia, Dan, Kiani)**
    - 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
  - Recycling improvement (Kiani, Fiona, Natalie)
- Wrap Up: Summarize Next Steps [3 minutes 5:57-6]
  - Update project notes to Drive
  - Assign action items

Action Items	
Everyone	
Kiani	Call Helpdesk for 87 wifi
Sherese	Get list of Materials Contact facilities
Erica	Call Helpdesk for 87 wifi
Amelia	
Arie	