

1) The Sustainability Charrette

- a. A campus wide design festival that will be between all schools
- b. Some ideas include:
 - i. A design competition between schools for the betterment of culture, environmental policy and energy infrastructure.
 - ii. A multifaceted collaboration hosting small competitions between students, creating greater intercommunications between schools, a biweekly Sustainability Colloquy for all departments, and strengthening student and departmental relations through events and projects.
 1. Some suggested projects: biodiesel to run buses, composting food waste, green roof installation, printing structure refurbishment, implementing ongoing green research at Rensselaer
 - iii. Other
- c. The final premise of the Charrette has not been decided.
- d. The Charrette Implementation Committee will convene in the coming weeks.
 - i. The Charrette is projected to go off in March or April.
 - ii. Implementation Committee meeting times are not yet set.
- e. **The Implementation Committee will initially be open to students, faculty and administrators.**

2) The Office of Sustainability

- a. The Campus Wide Design Charrette is an excellent testing ground for the group who will form the Office of Sustainability. The Design Charrette is being coordinated with representatives from all members of campus. With the knowledge gained from the charrette: this group will work effectively and should be better able to inter-coordinate activities throughout campus.

3) Student Sustainability Fee

- a. A five dollar student sustainability fee will be proposed for each semester. The money will be controlled by The Office of Sustainability.
- b. Outlined projects will include:
 - i. Implementation of biodiesel for transportation using organic waste, composting of food waste, green roofs and solar panel implementation
 - ii. Proposals for policy changes or projects, will be approved if there is adequate research done to substantiate further research or implementation
 - iii. Proposals will be open to any party of the Rensselaer community; student proposals will be encouraged: as these funds are student appropriated.
 - iv. A detailed set of outlined initial proposals will be submitted to the student body outlining cost and how resources will be allocated before the vote to pass the fee proceeds.
- c. **A referendum (a vote, similar to the voting at elections) must be held with the entire student body and a two thirds majority is needed to pass this.**
- d. **The degree of economic transparency has not been decided; however, similar to the Student Unions books a high level of economic transparency will likely be agreed upon.**
- e. **The fee is optional.**
 - i. This student sustainability fee will give the students the ability to make responsible infrastructural changes, have fun and gain experience in the process.
 - ii. Students and faculty will have a budget to work on the schools environmental policy together.
 - iii.

4) Sustainability at Rensselaer (The Proposal) has been released.

5) Green Greeks

- a. Green Greeks is now a committee.
- b. Ben met with Mark Smith to update the work that has been done and hear about any developments.

6) Earth Week

- a. We want more fringe groups, and outside participation.
- b. Face the Waste
- c. Wiki Page contains the events from last year.
 - i. A use general summary tool for adding and updating events.
- d. Need to talk to: Formula Hybrid SAE and Society for Environmental Professionals.
- e. Holding a general Colloquium for Sustainability between all the schools.

7) Ben Hunt has been unanimously elected the new chair of SSTF.