



**OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY COORDINATOR**

Student Sustainability Council Minutes
February 5, 2010
2 PM, Ruth Merrill Center

1. Attendance/Open Forum

- a. In attendance: Megan DeWitt, Scott Strenger, Ashley Haluck-Kangas, Edith Hanson, Jenn Miller, Liesel Schwartz, Annalise Khaljed, Rohini Bhatia, Amy Kadrie, Patricia Beaumont, and Carolina Clemente

2. Group Reports/Updates

- a. **Amy Kadrie: Recycling Coordinator**
 - i. **Recycling Center Tours:** Next Friday at 1:40 in front of ITS, they will take groups of students to tour the recycling center ≈1 hour long.
 - ii. **Go Green Emails:** Email updates for groups that are or would like to become more sustainable. These updates can be sent using weekly buzz or can be sent to other listservs besides u.rochester.edu, on request.
 - iii. **Social marketing and networking:** Green Notes blog → <http://blogs.rochester.edu/greennotes/>. Will add to Sustainability website after it has been redesigned.
 - iv. **Bottle caps:** Pilot project for recycling bottle caps in Wilson Commons. Part of a program for Aveda.
- b. **Jenn Miller- Engineers for a Sustainable World president**
 - i. **World Water Day:** Filtration or water collection demonstration so people can see what it takes to filter water.
 - ii. **Biodiesel:** At the end of last semester, became official subcommittee of ESW. Offering credit for those working in biodiesel lab (up to 4 credits).
 - iii. **Generating electricity from pedaling a bike:** Display for Green Tech Fair in March.
 - iv. **Wind turbine:** Group of students interested in making a wind turbine to potentially hook up to a biodiesel lab. They are looking for people to join this project, more help needed.
- c. **Liesel Schwartz- University Council on Sustainability Student, Representative/Grassroot Co-President, Dining Services Green Team**
 - i. **Do it in the Dark:** Includes trivia games on energy use and safe sex, make-your-own-valentines stations. Hoping to have the lights dimmed down for Wilson Commons.
 - ii. **Dining:** Unveiled the reusable mug program. Local foods week, in the coming spring, around Earth Day. Working on a concise and unified labeling system, modeled after that in Wegmans (i.e. "L" for "locally grown").

- iii. **Global Sports Alliance:** Attempt to get into contact with either Varsity or Club Sports in order to recycle old sports equipment for other uses (i.e. tennis balls for the bottom of chairs.)
 - d. **Rayna Oliker-** Not in attendance- Liesel and Meg gave report
 - e. **Edith Hanson-** Grassroots Co-president
 - i. **Thrift store:** Hoping to institute a combination of “dump and run” and clothing exchange in an attempt to establish a campus thrift store. The money will ideally go in a revolving fund. This project is conducted by URFootprint in conjunction with Grassroots.
 - ii. **Recyclemania Pre Party:** 7-10pm on February 17th.
 - iii. **Water Day:** Working with Pan-African council to organize an event for Water Day. These would include events to increase awareness about water consumption.
 - f. **Annalise**
 - i. As a part of KEY project, wanted to begin a student supported agriculture akin to CSA (community supported agriculture). The introduction of an organized communal garden to campus where a large share of the vegetables grown would go into dining. The initiative is also supported by the Gandhi Institute.
 - g. **Megan DeWitt-** SA Sustainability Coordinator.
 - i. Work with groups to make events more sustainable.
 - ii. Completion of Go Green Checklist! Advertising possibilities include posting it in the May Room or around campus. It is also available online.
 - iii. Working to meet with specific groups to work on individualized plans to make their events/programs more sustainable.
 - iv. Double sided printing initiative is in its early stages.
3. Closing- Set meeting times for the rest of semester
 - a. **Meeting Dates:**
 - i. April 9th at 2pm and March 19th at 2pm. Location TBA.