



**OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY COORDINATOR**

Student Sustainability Council Minutes  
September 25, 2009  
3 PM, Gowen Room

I. Introductions/Miscellaneous

a. **Scott Strenger**

Scott talked about potential ideas to improve sustainability. He wanted to look into sustainable laundry practices to cut down on unnecessary drying, potential flyering, writing an open letter to faculty to improve sustainability in their classrooms (like cutting down on printing). Suggestions included emailing the people that made the green pledge to remind them to continue to be green. He also suggested buying light timers and tabling for a week in Wilson Commons.

II. Group Reports/Updates

a. **Amy Kadrie- Recycling Coordinator for Facilities**

Amy talked about the new recycling improvements that are being made on campus, like labeling the Slim Jims, locking the bins together to create trios, and making visible differences on campus. Carolina made framed posters to encourage people to recycle and posted about 40 on campus. They are also putting them in kitchen areas on the refrigerators to encourage staff to recycle as well. She also announced E-Waste Collection Event with SunKing Electronics on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. They collected over 10,000 pounds of electronics and she is really excited to continue this well-known event again this year. She needs volunteers for shifts from 6:30 to 5 on that day. She also wanted to organize a landfill tour and wanted to know what times and days of the week would work for people. She also wanted to coordinate a tour through a recycling center during Recyclemania in the spring semester.

b. **Jenn Miller- Engineers for a Sustainable World President**

Jenn talked about organizing the tour through the laser lab. She also had an idea to have a seminar or symposium about careers in sustainability in the spring semester towards the end of the year. Amy brought up the event Women's Caucus is running for Women in Sustainable Careers and said that she was being on the panel for it. She also talked about engineering projects like working with electricity and heat in the BioDiesel facility.

c. **Liesel Schwartz- University Council on Sustainability Student Representative and Grassroots Co-President**

Liesel talked about UR Unplugged and ordering t-shirts to promote the event. Megan also talked about getting the Greek community more involved in sustainability and talked about the positions of Sustainability Chair that is being incorporated into chapters. She discussed to have a Greeks Go Green Day and talked about possibly going to a Panhellenic Meeting and bringing up recycling on the frat quad. People also

discussed recycling in Riverview and how the city of Rochester is providing recycling containers for the buildings in Riverview. Amy wants people to email her with suggestions and complaints that she can forward on. People also discussed the lack of recycling in the freshman dorm buildings and how to solve any Reslife problems. Liesel continued with her report and talked about Women, Agriculture and Sustainability on November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4:30 to 6 in Meliora. Dining is putting on a dinner with vegetarian and local cuisine to accompany the speaker, Elizabeth Henderson from Newark, New York. She also announced that there will be a giant coffee cup sculpture that will be on display at Wake Up In Wilson. She also talked about the event 350 on October 24<sup>th</sup>, an awareness event about the carbon particles in the atmosphere. She wants to have a giant piece of paper that students can sign inside the numbers and show a Powerpoint presentation about the issue.

i. Energy Rangers

Liesel also had an idea about a group of students that can go to classrooms to turn off the lights and check the efficiency of heat and air conditioning that could work with the staff. She discussed the difficulty of regulating heat and electricity on campus, but said that there could be a connection between the students and staff. She also talked about talking to Event Support about educating people that rent the classrooms and possibly fining people that leave the lights on when they are leaving with the room. The computer labs were also discussed and how the computers are turned off and the difference between Sleep modes and simply shutting them off. Amy talked about possibly contacting someone about information on the most efficient way to shut down computers over the weekend, possibly ITS.

d. **Rayna Oliker-** *EcoReps Coordinator and Dining Services Representative*

Rayna gave a quick overview about the EcoReps program and its goal of integrating sustainable improvements into everyday life. She also coordinates with the other dining staff for sustainable practices, like training for new employees, improving and evaluating the programs that exist in dining

e. **Megan DeWitt-** *SA Sustainability Coordinator*

i. Walk for Dark follow up

1. Megan discussed the possibility of having 2-3 more Walk for Dark programs. At her meeting with Eris Oleksyn, Eris suggested that they had four Walk for Dark programs per year, but it was decided by the SSC that four was too frequent.

2. Megan read the thank you letter from Eris

ii. Green Event checklist

1. Talked with Amy Kadrie about working with Facilities to create a green checklist for events. Rayna will send the EcoReps handbook to Megan.
- iii. Revolving loans & green fees
  1. Megan brought up the revolving loans goal. Liesel is sending her information about revolving loans that she got from her UR Footprint class.
- iv. Meeting with Eris Olyskn from Facilities
  1. Megan discussed the possibility of having ESW run a project to make LED lights that Facilities install around campus (much like the student run Bio-diesel program). Jenn will bring the idea back to ESW and she and Megan will meet with Eris.

III. Closing- Set meeting time for next month