

Greening Princeton Meeting Minutes Monday, February 7, 2011

Updates

PEN Meeting

Installing 27 solar panels which will power 5% of Princeton

Columbia Environmental Career Fair

Columbia is hosting a Career Fair for those looking for jobs dealing with environmental issues

Spring Semester Projects

Frosh Council

The Frosh Council is taking on a few projects centered around greening the dining halls. They are going to put together facts and helpful tips for being more environmentally friendly to put on the fliers on the tables. We also reevaluated the Food Waste Pledge and decided that we would focus our energy more on other projects, but the Frosh Council is going to work with Stu Orefice the Director of Dining Services, to get signs near the trash and food cans inspiring people to take less and waste less. Email Annie at sproge@ if you would like to learn more ways to get involved.

Study Breaks

Eco-reps began the project of organizing sustainability themed study breaks. GP is going to work with what they have to design a study break to be worked into Frosh week next year. Email Bennett at bgbernst@ with any ideas or if you would like to help.

Farmer's Market/Box Share Program

GP is going to look into ways to get students more involved in the Farmer's Market and to figure out exactly what happened when they moved off campus. We are also going to see what happened to the "box share" program that allowed independent students in Spelman to pick up a box of food from the Farmer's Market. Email Annie at sproge@ if you would like to get more involved with this project

Recycling Awareness Campaign

There were many ideas brought forward about how to go about this. They included sending out a mass email through the RCAs explaining the difference between the blue recycling bins for paper and the gray ones for bottles. We also going to look into some way to work with the custodians to make sure all the recycling makes it to the right bins and the right place. Email Bennett at bgbernst@ if you would like to help.

5K Fundraiser

Every spring GP does a 5K fundraiser. The past two years we have raised money for the Stonybrook-Millstone Watershed Association. Before that, we raised money in order to project endangered tigers.

At next week's meeting we are going to decide which project the group wants to support. The Stonybrook-Millstone Watershed Association is a great local organization that works on conservation in the area and education programs. They are always really excited to work with us. Donating money to endangered tigers makes it a more Princeton specific project and seems to bring out more student participation. We are also going to begin the process of planning this fundraiser and assembling a committee to work on it at next week's meeting.

Earth Day

Every year the Princeton Environmental Network puts together an event of Earth Day. This is farther away than some of our other projects, but we should begin thinking about what GP wants to do.

This Week's Events

Mathey Energy Table

Thursday, Feb. 10th in the Mathey Private Dining Room at 6:30 PM. This week the discussion is focusing on wind turbines.

See you at next week's meeting in Frist 205 at 7:00 PM!