

Greening Princeton Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 28, 2011

Updates

Greening Dining

At the Greening Dining meet last week they basically wanted to make a plan on awareness about where our food is from. The goal is to make people think why they shouldn't eat meat for the environment. They might also have a booth at Earth Day. As well, there also might be a talk with a farmer in the future.

Spring Semester Projects

Study Breaks

Eco-Reps responded and said to just keep them informed about the study breaks. We just need to have the jeopardy game ready to go and to make sure we have all the data ready.

The test-run will happen on the week of Earth Day. More on Earth Day below.

5K Fundraiser

The 5K is underway and will happen on the morning of April 16th. Donations have been solicited and posters are being posted for promotion of the event on campus and the community. Otherwise we are working on permits and risk management.

Earth Day and The PPPL

The Princeton Plasma Physics Lab came to talk to us about what they were doing for Earth Day this year. Their Earth Day celebration and events are geared more for the lab. Their theme this year is, "Build Green, Save Green."

The PPPL also wanted to talk to us about the programs they participate in. They participate in the EPA Waste Wise program. They report their recycling numbers every year; they saved \$260,000 last year.

The program can also be for colleges. They suggested that we participate and get our numbers from facilities and compete against other colleges. Benefits include useful data and monetary awards.

Energy Star also has a program for dormitories. We can compare our dormitories to other dormitories. If we become a member of Energy Star we report our information for a building and then we can create competitions amongst the different dormitory buildings.

We should talk about these programs with the Office of Sustainability in order to apply.

They also spoke to us about LED Lighting. LED lights drastically reduce energy usage.

The PPPL also does a cell phone drive. They try to recycle personal electronics and wanted to hear about what we do with recycling electronics.

Our Earth Day will be similar to last year on Friday, April 22 from 2-5. We will have a gathering in an accessible location such as the South Lawn of Frist. There will be performances and everyone in PEN will do their pieces. We will also be including the test-run for Sustainable Study Breaks (video and interactive jeopardy game). The focus will be on how a Princeton student can reduce his/her carbon footprint. There will also be a study break booth at the Earth Day celebration.

Recycling Email

Caroline has the email prepared, and is going to send it to the Sustainability Chair of the USG. This email will then be hopefully sent out!

This Week's Events

Mathey Energy Table

Thursday, Mar. 31st 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 207 at
7:00 PM!**