

Sorry the minutes are LONG but all this stuff is important, I think.

Send Sheena (sheenav@uchicago.edu) your statements about your projects so they can be put on our new and improved website

GCI notes 14 November 2006

- sign up to table at Inconvenient Truth screening on Friday night or Sunday matinee showing:
- Friday: 5, 7:30 and 9 PM; come Friday from 7-9PM and maybe for the 9PM showing if we're popular earlier
- Sunday: Matinee at 2, Q&A afterward with Prof. Pierhumbert; come at 3:30
- everyone bring your MAC because Macs are apparently cooler than PCs and Al Gore likes them
- still deciding which "eco footprint" quiz we're going to use
- wear GREEN so we look unified
- Christina will be responsible for materials and other stuff related to this
- Poster where everyone can write something about how they'll reduce their envi. Impact
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- Decision: GCI needs to be more focused in our projects and goals in order to be more effective
- we will do this by setting goals and have specific homework assignments
- as a way to maintain a record of what we've done we'll keep two sheets of paper, one with goals and projects and the other with homework for the week
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- discussion of Goals: suggestion that we work out timelines for each project
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- Website: email sheena (sheenav@uchicago.edu) with your projects' goals so I can put them on the website! Also, if you want to design a logo or a color scheme, send it to me!
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- Kate's words of wisdom: take control of projects so you have something concrete that you can put on your resume as something you've accomplished; DATA is key
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- Sustainability council wants YOU to take over energy-reduction campaign- here SG and GCI can work together to reduce energy reduce in the dorms by pitting dorms against each other in the Winter
- Matt Kennedy is our new GCI/Sustainability Council/SG point person- keep this in mind
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- Dump and Run project- goal: at the end of the year people can bring their un-recyclable stuff to a central place and trade and get other stuff; leftovers will be donated
- also, encourage more recycling at the end of year in the dorms
- work with SG on this also
- Facilities and Sust. Council really want to see this happen but GCI has to help
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- Zoe is magnifique since she's working on a power map of the UofC administration which will help us all in pursuing our goals
- Matt Kennedy: wants to see temperature recording website for buildings so people can complain about it being so hot in a lot of buildings
- also possibility of strengthened administration liason with Center for Green Technology and getting Trustees interested
- long term goal- getting green roof on the Reg similar to the one on UIC and Niketown

Project updates:

Batteries: program is more expensive than we thought so extending the program is probably not an option

– but there might be hope with a new recycling facility downtown

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Native plants: looking for more grants, getting our own tools, etc. No planting this quarter

– look at UIC because their landscaping is all native now

Dining: Julia will meet with someone in campus dining to go over goals

Brown bags- Sonja Pieck wants to do brownbag next quarter, Kathleen Morrison might be interested

-goal of two next quarter

– Peter Crane?

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Projects:

native plants

Goals: showcase garden
double current size
involve community/local schools
long term goal- plants as landscaping
signage
brochure/pamphlet

computer use/energy efficiency

Goals: long term goal-for the university to turn off computers when possible
shorter term- changing update and backup times to enable longer sleep
double sided printing- find where we can do it and make sure written into procurement plans

Campus dining

Goals: labelling of organics/publicity
signs for Pierce and BJ saying that food is composted
map of where food comes from
long term goal- incorporate more local foods
reducing food and cup waste, figuring out how to do this
digesters?