

Minutes for the 6/27/14 Green Labs Meeting:

In attendance: Amy Preble, Sarah Lowder, Christina Lebonville, Kristin Blank-White, Irina Lebedeva, Britt Carter, Kirk Clayton, Meredith Parker, Daniel Parker, Cathy Brennan, Chris MacNevin

- Nitrile Glove Recycling: Nita Eskew has started a pilot program in the Chemistry Department for the Right Cycle Nitrile Glove recycling program in 7 classrooms in the 2nd summer session. Kimberly Clark gloves are the brand that is eligible for this program and they are approximately the same price per glove as the Fisher gloves, but come in larger quantities per box. These gloves can be recycled into purple Frisbees and Adirondack chairs.
- OWRR/Energy Mgmt./Refrigeration Shop/Med School Planning Office Meeting: To advance the Freezer Challenge, we have begun to collaborate with the Refrigeration Shop to create some freezer best practices recommendations and to further outreach of their services and the Preventative Maintenance program. Gene Bober from the Med School Planning office is giving us further outlets to schedule the face-to-face meetings that have been so useful to get the word out. Chris Martin from Energy Mgmt. is assisting us to locate other funding sources.
- The DOE Better Building Case Competition: "Experimenting with Efficiency: Greening the Granting Process for Research Institutions" is having a webinar to present the winners' projects on July 11th 12pm-1pm. Persimmon Conference Room in the Giles Horney Building is reserved for a viewing, however, if you are unable to attend you can email Sarah Lowder at slowder@live.unc.edu and she can send you an invitation so that you can reserve your spot and watch it from your desk. The webinar will also be recorded to watch at a later date if the timing is bad. I²SL University Alliance group is having monthly webinars on this topic and further updates on future events will be sent out as more information comes in.
- Best Practices Guide/Recycling Poster – Approximately finished and ready to be sent to design services along with Energy Management's poster. Brainstorm methods in which these can be distributed.
- Irina Lebedeva and Green Labs certification – New member Irina Lebedeva is a lab manager in Lineberger and wants to help get a UNC Green Labs certification started. This could be similar to the program already in place at Duke and would be a nice tie-in with the other initiatives we have already in place.
- It could be beneficial to make the Green Labs Committee an official sponsored committee at UNC.
- Styrofoam recycling – already in place for student move in during mid-August. In order to make the tractor trailer as full as possible, Styrofoam from the labs will be accepted. However, due to staff being extremely busy, the labs will need to bring the Styrofoam to the trailer, which will be stationed at the basketball court in Odum Village. A flyer is being created to be distributed to the lab buildings, but other methods for outreach and conveying the Styrofoam to the trailer need to be considered.