

March 2014 – Green Labs Meeting

March 28, 2014

10-11AM

Present: Kristin Blank-White, Cathy Brennan, Elizabeth Burdick (GSK), Nita Eskew, Sarah Lowder, Aaron Schmidt **Freezer Challenge (Lowder)**

So far, the Green Labs Committee has met with Genetics and Pharmacology and a couple more meetings are being coordinated, including the monthly graduate student meeting in Chemistry.

Green Guide Edits (Sub-Team)

Nita – formatting for commenting is challenging due to file format

Thomas sent comments

Original PDF – Cathy will send PDF & wait until next month for comments from sub-team.

Lab Recycling Poster

Would like Committee to review before sending to UNC Design Services for design and printing. .

We get a lot of questions about glass solvent bottles, so probably need to address this on the poster.

Other Business

RESPC Funding – Sarah Lowder submitted a request for \$50,000 for freezer swap to RESPC.

Cost share approach: RESPC would finance half the cost of a freezer; department would need to cover other half. Newer freezers are more efficient and use half as much energy compared to 15 year old freezer.

Green Labs would send out information and would manage the process

Funding would be able to help finance at least 10 new freezers, if not more.

Sarah Lowder will share information she sent to RESPC requesting the funding.

Liz- Went to Duke Green Labs meeting

Randy Smith is coordinator at Duke – biology, working on similar issues

Freezers and Styrofoam Recycling

12 to 15 people meet sporadically to collaborate

At Duke, the Dean agreed to give \$3,000 to anyone who wanted to purchase an ultra-low freezer

A Duke student did a life cycle analysis for Styrofoam. Liz will share the report when she receives it.

Duke's Green Labs Certification Process

Initially rolled out as challenge from the Dean, certified 9 labs in one day because so many people wanted to be part of it

Since then, they're trying to do it again with the Sustainability Office, but no labs have signed up

Difference between "Deans Challenge" vs. Sustainability Office

Process: Randy gets email, score, then he and four other Green Labs members go to do audit of lab.

The labs receive a stickers and use of the Green Labs logo for website. Are also listed on the sustainability website

This is Liz Burdick's last meeting. Matt Krey from GSK will join us for the April meeting.