



Green Labs Meeting Minutes – September 26th, 2014

In Attendance: Nita Eskew, Chris MacNevin, Christina Lebonville, Kristin Blank-White, Sarah Lowder

- 1. GreenerU webinar notes from Chris** – Chris took notes from the webinar; they will be attached to the email and posted on the website. This has some great information!
- 2. Design Services – Posters done!** - The recycling and energy management posters are finished! These will be ready to distribute soon. Finished products will be sent out to the listserv and posted on the website. Design Services will begin working on the Best Practices Guide next.
- 3. Nitrile Glove Recycling update** – Judging from the gloves already collected, to ship the gloves to TerraCycle, it would probably take 3 pallet shipments each year, costing about \$1,000 total. Kimberly Clark will not provide the shipping costs, but inquiries to TerraCycle making pickups are being made. Additionally, as the students are expressing such enthusiasm for the project, a request for those funds could come from the Carolina Parents Fund.
- 4. RESPC project ideas?** - Resubmission of freezer replacement subsidies – when we submitted the proposal to RESPC for funds to help replace old freezers on campus, it was rejected during the vote for not having enough direct undergraduate student involvement. However, a more thorough plan could be resubmitted with emphasis on the fact that graduate students also contribute to RESPC funds, as well as that undergraduates also work in research labs. Sarah Lowder has now become the RESPC Green Labs Project Leader and so she can make the presentation to RESPC.
- 5. Other Funding Possibilities** – The Carolina Parents Fund provides funding for certain student projects. The application deadline is coming up on November 3rd, and applications must be submitted by students for funding awards up to \$15,000. Funds do not become available if accepted, however, until July and then must be used within the following academic year. More information at nscpp.unc.edu/PCgrantprogram. Then, the Sustainability Seed Fund has been approved by the Sustainability Council. It will be donation funded, so funds will take some time to accumulate, but the funds could be used for any aspect of sustainability. The Green Revolving Funds also have a focus on energy projects, but could possibly incorporate other green projects.
- 6. Styrofoam Recycling ideas** – Could we process the Styrofoam ourselves and recycle it into something else? If we can make anything useful, this could be turned into a lesson for students. This could potentially become a capstone project.
- 7. Campus Sustainability Day/ America Recycles Day** – On Thursday November 13th in the Great Hall of the Student Union, we could table to provide more outreach for Green Labs. The theme is ‘Do It Together’ and we would need some sort of demonstration/skill share/etc. Possible ideas include a visual display showing how much energy not shutting the fume hood takes, or freezers use, or how much energy the labs use vs. the rest of the buildings on campus, etc. If you have any other ideas, email Sarah at slowder@live.unc.edu
- 8. Room – adequate size? Ideas for other locations?** – So far seems to be a good place for meetings.