

Minutes from UA sustainability GA - 28 October 2009, 21:00

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Announcements:

- UA retreat and website - updated to include status of projects
- Reusable grocery bags - Shaw's willing to provision (bags not distributed during orientation)
- Dining - McCormick unwilling to allow take-out, continue project with other dorms
- Electronic course catalogues and directories - project initiated with RPO
- Online registration - coordinate with Sammi Wyman
- Dorm Sustainability Coordinators - low response from dorms, potentially transfer responsibilities to senators
- FSILG recycling, TechnoCycle, battery recycling, and composting - subjects for upcoming meeting with Jarrod Jones
- Publicity - more-visible posters and signage, mass e-mailing, expanded outreach to students
- Dorm Storm - 2-5 November, FSILGs from 7-9 Tuesday

Project updates:

- Battery recycling - improve communication
- Composting - must improve campus-wide awareness prior to expansion, meetings with Niamh and Jarrod upcoming
- Plastic bag recycling - correspondence with graduate students successful, meeting with Jarrod Jones 29 October
- Dining - reusable containers to be launched in Simmons and eventually in all dorms except for McCormick, Sodexo venues transitioning to compostable containers and utensils by end of IAP, Aramark approaching 'zero-waste' for Refresher Course
- Motion-sensor lighting - reply from Facilities pending, otherwise continue contact
- FSILG recycling - potential for further encouraging current 'Hobo recycling' at FSILGs on Beacon St.

Initiatives pending:

- Committee-run sustainable project workshops in collaboration with Walk-the-Talk
- Living group-based sustainability activities between dorm coordinators/senators and the committee

Reply to e-mails about vice-chairing for the committee

Adjournment at 21:55