

## Minutes: GCI meeting 9/14/2010-First meeting

In attendance: JOHN HINTZ, ELI TOME, EVA YEUN, SHELBY WIENERS, NED GREENE, JEAN DOWNING, TARA LYNN, CLAIRE LAWRENCE, BEN FRANEK, JEFF BRUNSKILL, BRUCE ROCKWOOD, TIM PELTON

Agenda items, in order and as discussed, were:

1. The GCI One Year and Five Year Objectives:
  - Claire: we requested a budget for the GCI for the first time this year. They wanted 1-year and 5-year objectives and wanted them tied to our “Impact 2015” strategic plan.
  - GCI organized tours are touted as a way to link curricula to the community and to Strategic Plan objectives.
    - Jeff’s idea: tours could be tied to particular courses or even sections of courses. That way they would be a little more controllable as far as #’s.
  - Claire also discussed how she wove the teach-in and Earth Day into the 1-yr/5-yr objectives.
  - Last on the list were the collaborative events with the LLCs, HOPE and other campus groups
2. Global Warming Teaching In - Preliminary Plans
  - Threw out a few general ideas as to how to improve the event.
  - Discussed the need to set up a sub-committee to talk further about this.
  - **Jeff, Eli, Bruce, John H, and Ben agreed to meet as a Teach-In subgroup**
3. Earth Day - Preliminary Plans
  - Primary idea: Making it more of a **fun event** rather than yet another teach-in. Jeff is giddy with the idea of a volleyball tournament but was wondering about whatever other stuff people might think we could do.
  - **Claire will head up an Earth Day fun-fest sub-committee.** With Eli, Tim, Tara (?), Eva.
4. Farmers Market – Overview:
  - There have been requests to extend the market into October and possibly November.
  - For next year: we will have to write rules as to what vendors we want to have out there.
  - Extended discussion about getting more organics and local foods into the Aramark units on campus. Tara has and is trying and is working on it.
5. Goals/Objectives for the Fall
  - More on Tours from Jeff, getting them better organized and how to tie specific trips to specific class sections

6. Additional fun topics...

- bike us on campus: possibility of:
  - bike racks on buses
  - possible survey to see how much interest there is in improving bike facilities
  - there was some skepticism that the lack of bike infrastructure was what was holding up progress on this front; that perhaps it's just more a limitation due to the rugged terrain
- Pennsylvania Environmental Resource Consortium: may get funding get going again and perhaps we could have some involvement if this group gets up and going once again. It is not free, but may be worth considering. ...more later on this...