

Northeastern Illinois University Green Cycle Group

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 11, 2012 - BBH Room 202

Meeting called to order by Luis at 3:05 p.m.

In attendance: Melinda Merrick, faculty	Fatema Member
Yordy Bautista	Luis Mesa
Charles D'lavoy	Dayani Pieri
Joan Daugherty	Leslie Urnikis
Michelle Kuelhorn	Mani Valanthur

- Luis and Dayani participated in the NEIU service day and helped organize an elementary school library
- It would be great if we can put together an official Green Cycle Group representation to participate in a day of service for the annual Martin Luther King observances
- Joan reported on her attendance at the Green Fee Committee meeting October 9; they are looking for projects and really could use more student input and involvement, not just from Green Fee reps. She encouraged people to go to the meetings. Professor Merrick said that they have not published their meeting calendar for the year yet.
- Joan told people to check the new blog site often for announcements and other news: <http://neiu-gcg.blogspot.com/>. She is also happy to put other events and announcements up if they are e-mail to her.
- Discussion about the Greener Cafeteria Initiative, headed by Charlie:
 - His idea about a survey & method to try to gather data on how much waste the cafeteria trash produces
 - Aramark runs all of the food service in the student union building which will make it easier than dealing with several vendors
 - He is looking into different compostable utensils and other materials
 - He is working on writing a formal proposal for the Green Fee Committee, with the help of: Fatema, Mandi, Leslie & Luis
- The group moved that Charlie and Luis could talk to the campus Aramark representative on behalf of the GCG regarding the Greener Cafeteria Initiative, exploring options, history with other Aramark locations, etc.
- Thank you to Mani for bringing refreshments!
- Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, October 25, 2012 at 3:05 p.m.