

OEB Green Team – May 5, 2011

1. Introducing co-leader, Laura Tomaino

2. OEB's Spring party – a zero-waste event!

- OEB's Spring Party was held on May 20. It was another successful zero-waste event, although heavier monitoring of compost and recycle bins may be necessary at future events to help keep contamination down.

3. OEB's mobile garden

- Erin Blevins reported on OEB's new mobile garden, inherited by the OEB Graduate Students from the GSD. The idea of the mobile garden is to rotate it around campus to different departments on an annual basis. Green Team members are welcome to help with garden maintenance.

4. Freezer Week

- Jamie Bemis, our OFS representative, discussed the Freezer Program. Harvard is participating in a competition; more details at the OFS website: <http://www.green.harvard.edu/freezermonth>
- Questions were brought up regarding the longevity of freezers and if the OFS has a program for changing out older freezers; they currently do not.
- Regular maintenance of freezers can be done by FMO or Shon's.

5. Sash Awareness campaign

- Jamie also reminded the group of the "Shut the Sash" Campaign –a reminder to close fume hoods when not in use.

6. Composting

- This is a topic we are still working the logistics out on.
- The group expressed interest in a future composting educational event.

7. Other

- The group discussed possible educational and outreach events:
 - Field Trip to local recycling center
 - Tours of local farms that sell at the Harvard Farmer's Market
 - Junk Mail Party
 - Compostable Plastics vs. recyclable plastics
 - Water Taste Test
- Erin Blevins plans to include training to grad students on how to be a sustainable educator in her role as a Teaching Fellow