

OEB Green Meeting – Wednesday, Nov. 13th

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Topics discussed:

1. Harvard Sustainability Pledge

- i) Please sign up! www.greencampus.harvard.edu/pledge
- ii) What can we really do to make a difference? Make a pledge to reduce Harvard's environmental impact by daily actions.
- iii) \$1.50 of every pledge goes to support an on-campus renewable energy system

2. Lab Sustainability

- i) Close Fume Hoods. Set up system to monitor usage.
- ii) Be sure to check with faculty and lab managers about closing hoods.
- iii) Lab Sustainability Representative Project Proposal
 - (1) FAS Green Labs Program hiring students to run sustainability assessments in labs
 - (2) Feasibility for OEB: Needs PI approval; ideal goal would be to work with new FAS Sciences Division Director of Operations when they are hired.

3. Specific Questions about recycling in labs

- i) Lab Styrofoam – no on-campus option for recycling Styrofoam; check with individual company about takebacks (NE Biolabs will take back Styrofoam) OR ship in bulk to cut down on energy used for multiple deliveries. Stockroom option?
- ii) Plastic pipette boxes – currently cannot be recycled under Single Stream Recycling. **FCR, Harvard's current recycling company, will inform us whether lab plastics can be recycled in Single Stream.**
- iii) Batteries – recycle all types together.
- iv) Efficient lab equipment – please see attached pdf for guidelines on green lab purchasing practices.

4. Future Meetings

- i) Next meeting will take place in January after the break.
- ii) Please send me ideas for topics you would like to discuss at our January meeting.