**Student Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Northeastern University**

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**ATTENDEES**

**Staff: Carol Rosskam, Energy/Sustainability Office; Maria Galarza, Facilities – Green Office/Special Projects**

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* **Composting proposal from HEAT**
	+ SGA legislation passed last spring with 91% of ~7000 voters supporting composting
	+ HEAT should have compost proposal with support of other student groups by the end of January
* **NU Garden – facilitated by** Dr. Christopher Bosso
	+ Survey has already taken place
	+ February 2019 there will be a meeting with Marina Macomber, VP of Student affairs, Maria Cimilluca, VP Facilities, and Maureen Timmons, Director, NU Dining Services
* **NUSBO** has its 2019 speaker series and tours organized – Carol/sustainability ofc. will help promote
* **Library is planning bathroom renovations**, **opportunity for NUSBO** to give ideas and suggestions on how to make the facilities more sustainable aka hand dryers etc. —> speak with Evan Simpson
	+ Link NU building standards to group
* **Energy Review still not completed**
	+ The University has completed significant work on energy efficiency/conservation measures and carbon/ghg emissions have been reduced significantly since 2005, but it is not public knowledge since we do not have the proper sustainability website allowing for operational entries/information
	+ Students are asking about the website!!
* **Recyclemania**
	+ A ten week competition during which there will be a month of events hosted by RSA
	+ Need ideas for sustainable practice events(preferably recycling focused)
	+ Speaker: Gretchen Carrie
	+ NUSBO recycled materials event? Promote the use of recycled building materials?
* **Bard College training**
	+ One weekend March 2019 – very low cost
	+ Focus on sustainability/climate change leadership
* **World Water Day/Week 3/20**
	+ Last year Chasing Coral event was very successful
	+ This year **would like collaborate with different groups and make it bigger**
* **This** **term’s Committee goals**:
	+ RSA: discounts at coffee locations for reusable cups around campus
	+ Collaboration between facilities and students for planning events