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Present

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Sustainability

- This year Shane is focusing on cultural literacy.
- Shane will continue supporting the campus garden club this year.
- Shane is working on Tree Campus Higher Ed certification, as well as fixing the QR codes of the T.R.E.E program.
- Two arboretum interns will be hired this year to do ethnobotany and other assorted projects with our campus trees.
- The application for our EPA green power certification gets renewed annually and must be renewed again soon.

SGA

- Bike Share is down but we are working on bug fixes.
- There are now plastic bags in all the expanded recycling bins and SGA is working on updated signs because they can no longer take razors.
- Some potential future projects from SGA include recycling education programs, environmental holiday celebrations, and environmental art.

Compost Team

- Figuring out their budget so they can order more compost bins.
- They will have an intro meeting soon.
- Looking to find more ways to disperse compost bins to campus.
- They want to get stickers that say what you can and can't compost to put on the buckets.
- They will focus on compost education this year (fliers, graphics, kahoot, a speaker).
- Potential art club collab: bucket decorating and worm crocheting.
- Some potential future projects include: cricket crumbles (eating insects), getting other people, like sports teams, involved with turning compost.

Campus Garden

- Working on ADA entrance into the garden (B&G is working on that).
- Going to work on the red shed this year (taking the walls off and replacing).
- They would like to be more active as a club by doing workshops (Paint days, how to feed/hold chickens, ethnobotany workshops, bee workshop, earth oven workshop).
- Today they are taking a visit to their outpost at RAFC (cleanup).
- October 6th there will be another RAFC workday.

- October 7th is fall family weekend and the garden will fire up the earth oven for pizza and do garden tours.
- October 12th-13th is their annual fall break camping trip.
- October 27th is oktoberfest.
- December 2nd will be their herbal workshop with Kathy.
- Potential future ideas include: tea workshop (nov or dec)

Action Items

- Planning to be more active as a council, and work together on larger projects to help work towards better sustainability at WAC.
- Potential Projects for this semester include:
 - Sponsoring a community workday (Chestertown Garden Club or Town Environmental Committee)
 - General campus planting (Native planting day)
 - Getting better access to the rail trail, ADA accessible
 - Turning areas along the trail into cultivated landscapes
 - A lot of the materials used at our retail/dining places aren't recyclable and is there anything we can do about it?