

Project Report

Campus Clean Up

Sequence of Events:

- 2/4/19 - At a general club meeting we decided to do our project centered around a trash clean up on 2/23/19.
- 2/11/19 - The Project Committee and e-board had our first of two planning meetings. We wrote the entire Project Plan and assigned each individual one organization to reach out to in asking for help getting more interested in the clean up.
- 2/13/19 - The URI Outing Club officaling joined and endorsed the clean up
- 2/13/19 - Director of student affairs, Jodi Hawkins gave us administrative clearance to do the clean up. She also said she would spread the flyer around.
- 2/15/19 - The Rotaract Club endorsed our project by sending out our flyer to their mailing list
- 2/22/19 - Materials were bought (gloves, bags)
- 2/23/19 - Project was carried out and completed

Strengths:

- Effectively and efficiently followed the Project Plan cleaning up four zones around campus
- Filled fifteen bags of trash and cleaned up other miscellaneous litter
- Had fun working as a team
- Effectively recycled what we could of the litter

Weaknesses:

- Only able to cover four zones on campus
- Medium sized turn out
- Ran out of trash bags sooner than anticipated (around an hour and a half)

What Could be Better:

- We could have gotten more people to turn out which would mean more trash cleaned up
- If more people came we could span out over more zones- spread the word earlier
- Even more outreach to get participants, we did not announce the event at any sports games as had been suggested in the Project Plan

Future:

- While this campus clean up is finalized, there is no doubt opportunity to repeat the project on campus or in the surrounding community in the future

Additional Notes:

- Most shocking was the quantity of trash that was found in bushes and brush which are generally out of sight
- The high quantity of e-cigarette pods and cigarette butts found as litter highlights the issue of nicotine prevalence in the youth population
- We were surprised to fill the trash bags so quickly, litter around campus is a bigger issue than we realized