

GEO Stewards Retreat FALL 2004

ORGANIZING TRAINING:

(5 MIN)	<p>1. Introduction to the Organizing Conversation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -why do we go through a training? A quick understanding of what this conversation is -the different ways in which we organize (dept meetings, office visits, house visits) -what are the goals of the conversation?
(10 MIN)	<p>2. Getting In The Door</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -how do you get in the door? What are the roadblocks in starting the organizing conversation? How do you get past them? What is the benefit of having even a very short conversation? <p>ROLEPLAY: talk to your neighbor and try to start a conversation</p>
(10 MIN)	<p>3. Listening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -why is this component important? What kind of information can be gleaned, and how does it tie into the larger conversation? Why aren't we necessarily talking about GEO just yet? <p>ROLEPLAY: urs gets in the mushpot and each person asks a question that builds on the question before</p>
(5 MIN)	<p>4. SUMMARY of 1st section, and INTRODUCTION to rest of conversation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -where are we at now? What information do we now have about the person we have been talking to? -where do we go from here? How do we connect the issues that the GSI has brought up to the purpose and function of GEO?
(5 MIN)	<p>5. AGITATION/TYING ISSUES TO GEO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -what is the difference between one person asking for what they need and 1600 people asking for that same thing? what if the whole department stood up for a particular issue? <p>(???INOCULATION- talking about the arguments from the side of the UofM, and how we respond?)</p>
(5 MIN)	<p>6. THE ASK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -GEO is volunteer-driven, and we need more stewards. How do you get this person to become a steward? What are their reservations, and how to address? What are other levels of commitment they can have as well, AFTER you shoot high? (bring up COMMITTEES, CAUCUSES, DEPT CONTACTS)

ORGANIZERS: HERE IS YOUR BREAKDOWN OF WHAT SHOULD HAPPEN IN YOUR SMALL GROUPS DURING ORGANIZER TRAINING:

<p>SMALL GROUPS (OC facilitators) (60 MIN)</p>	<p>7. ROLEPLAY THE WHOLE CONVERSATION (use your scenarios, and hand out the stewards scenarios)</p>
<p>LARGE GROUP (10 MIN)</p>	<p>8. TALK TO YOUR STEWARDS ABOUT OUR ORGANIZING PLAN</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PHASE 1- from now till the next stewards meeting on Oct. 5, we want stewards to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) talk to the members in their department about what geo is and what the year is going to look like, b) sign up any folks who haven't signed a yellow card yet c) let people know about the upcoming membership meeting on Oct 27 and 28, as well as our plan to have department meetings in the month of October d) give people voter registration information 2. PHASE 2- between Oct 5 and the Membership Meeting, we will be going back to the same members: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) letting them know about the platform that stews voted on b) the plan for the membership meeting c) getting a commitment to a dept meeting which should happen before fall break Oct 16-19