

UOIT Sustainability Committee

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 12th 2017 10 am CC2214

November 24 th , 2016 Action Items	Responsible	Status
Promote the AASHE STARS waste water feature	Jacquelyn/Melissa	Completed
Create travel diary survey for Metrolinx Car Share program	Angie	In Progress
Find a faculty to house sustainability minor	Melissa	In Progress
Social Media Updates for Muglife Program	Jacquelyn	Completed
Collaborate on environmental program and sustainability minor	Mary/Melissa	In Progress

1. Attendance

Melissa Mirowski, Jacquelyn Egan, Jackson Teather, Elisa Beverley, Jenn Goldsmith, Dan Hoornweg, Neil Hopkins, Kate Gibbings, Sheila Rhodes, Mary Olaveson, Rupinder Brar, Gregory Malandrocco

2. Approval of November 2016 minutes

- Melissa motioned the approval of November 2016 Minutes and Elisa approved.

3. Program Updates

- Interdisciplinary Minor in Sustainability
 - o A proposal has been made up and is currently being reviewed by the UOIT Teaching and Learning Centre.
 - o The minor would have had to be submitted to Quality Assurance by Jan 12th to be considered for Fall 2018. Will plan for next possible program introduction date.
 - o The sustainability committee will be sent the proposal to review once edited by the Teaching and Learning Centre.
- Solar Installations
 - o 61 Charles and Windfield solar systems are live. Windfield ground mount is producing 3xs the energy of 61 Charles rooftop.
 - o The most energy generated by the solar panels was 10.4 kWh on January 8th.
 - o There is potential on the Windfield Farms site for research applications.
- Waste management (Downtown)
 - o A waste audit was completed on the downtown campus.
 - o MOECC inspection went well.

- By completing the audit and waste plan process there were some areas for improvement highlighted, specifically waste hauling provider.
- Looking to improve the Waste Management processes downtown.
- Waste Management will send proposal for changes. Including pricing and sustainability reporting details.
- Zip Car – Car Sharing Program
 - Developing a 12-month pilot project for two Zip cars on Campus.
 - Possible funding from Metrolinx for the pilot.
 - Angie is drafting a proposal and creating a student survey for car share program to assess the potential of the car share program.
 - Dan is working on rideshare pilot for the campus. UOIT would be a node for larger rideshare programs. Including OPG-Darlington and other universities in the GTA.
- Campus Market
 - The proposal for a year round farmer's market was put forward at the UOIT-DC joint sustainability committee and was ok'd.
 - The next step is to find a shared indoor space on campus for the market when the weather gets colder.
- Ontario College and University Sustainability Professionals
 - In the process of developing a waste management subcommittee.
 - Working Group in the process of developing a reporting framework for UN Sustainable Development Goals

4. Upcoming Events

- **Campus Unplugged**
 - It's a new initiative to promote Earth Hour and reducing energy use during the second last week of March.
 - March 21st will feature an energy information session at 61 Charles St. This event is put on by DPPG.
 - On March 22nd there will be Yoga in the Dark at CRWC that students and staff are welcome to join in.
 - On March 23rd the student wellness center will be doing meditation in the dark.
 - CCF will be putting on a candle lit dinner sometime during the week.
- **Tree Planting WFF-DPPG**
 - The event will be held on May 9th, 2017 at Windflied Farms.
 - It is put on by DPPG and will include several of their members such as GMC, Covanta and Durham.
 - Staff and students will be welcome also to plant trees.

5. Discussion

- Finding sponsors to help fund the pollinator program. A TD grant has been submitted and grant approval will be known in Mid-February.
- Finding possible funding for the pollinator garden and apiary by selling workshops, solitary bees or honey.
- *Action Item: Elisa will send Melissa information about solitary bees.
- Hope to expand the bee boxes from 2 boxes to 4 during the spring with the ultimate goal of 30 boxes in the next two years.
- *Action Item: Melissa will look into using Windfield to provide housing to other animals such as barn Swallows and Bats.
- There has been push on the food committee to provided healthier options for students and staff on campus.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:00am

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