

UOIT Sustainability Committee

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 31st, 2016 10:30am CC2214

February 23, 2016 Action Items	Responsible	Status
Contact Julia Armstrong at Research, Innovation and International Office	Sheila Rhodes	Complete
Plan logistics of TD event and send updates to committee	Sheila and Shannon	Complete
Send Sheila and Shannon suggestions for keynote, presentations and tours for TD event	All committee members	Complete
Reach out to OEAC to see if they will support event or be in attendance	Mary Olaveson	Complete

1. Attendance:

Shannon Oletic, Ijlal Gondal, Sheila Rhodes, Angie NIng, Sandra McEleney, Mary Olaveson, Elisa Beverley, Ken Bright, Cheryl Rogers, Murray Lapp, Jackson Teather (phone), Karyn Douglas (phone), Kate Gibbings (phone), Isaac Tamblyn (phone)

2. Smart Commute Durham presentation

- Angie and Sandra from Smart Commute to introduce the vision of Smart Commute Durham (SCD) to committee. SCD is run by Metrolinx. Introduced concept of Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Plans and focus on taking vehicles off the road. Goal to reduce Monday-Friday traffic by working with workplaces in Durham Region.
- Currently work on promoting and marketing carpooling but now they are moving to customize the approach.
- UOIT could be a great host for these initiatives. The goal is to keep students using transit after graduation.
- After conducting the survey, 800+ responses of UOIT students received (10% of the population). Travel behavior of students: most walk and use public transit. Home origin of students spread out, students commute from far locations. 378 use transit.
- 160 driving alone, but 103 are interested in car sharing (in the existence of blacride)

- UOIT has a great opportunity to be involved in TDM program. Educating the students is the key, especially with Blancride.
- Public transit should be better used as well, TDM is crucial for sustainability because it is a long term solution.
- Suggestion to better promote carpooling and carpooling services on campus.
- Send out the survey to staff as well, also tracking for carbon footprint. Total staff of 1623. Ensure distance and commute time is part of the survey
- Student that won the SCD survey received her prize. All info will be passed on to communications and marketing to compile a news piece.

3. Approval of February 2016 minutes

Minutes approved.

4. Program updates

- Why Top Companies Embrace the New Sustainability Imperative – Bob Willard presentation. Dan invited staff and students, it was well attended for space available.
- We Grow Trees: Our trees are growing slowly, 116 staff participating. Pollution Probe will feature the details on their website. Starting planning process for BBQ in May.
- TD Friends of the Environment Reception: Sheila and Shannon are doing the event planning, working with C&M. Only space available was ACE Atrium. Isaac has volunteered to be keynote speaker, Sheldon and his students will also present. Sheila will talk about the funding spent at UOIT at board meeting. Mary has reached out to OEAC, good initiative for networking and connecting researchers with funding for environmental initiatives.

5. UOIT-DC Shared Campus updates

- Electric Vehicle Chargers Ontario (EVCO) Program: announcement date pushed back.
- Mug Life Campaign
 - o Promote the use of reusable mugs
 - o 21000 cups end up in garbage on North Campus each month, using hashtag #21000less
 - o Survey results are being compiled
- Thrift Swap – April 8th to 22nd

- Round two of Thrift swap, trying to create awareness and track what was left behind after the move out.
- Earth Day Campus Cleanup
 - Last day of Thrift Swap will be the Campus Cleanup
 - Two cleanup sites on campus: North of Conlin and behind Grounds Building

6. UOIT-DC Joint Sustainability Committee members

One position open on Joint Sustainability Committee, manager would be ideal

7. Discussion and new items

- Mary discussed upcoming Science Rendevo event on campus. Hope to have milkweed planted on campus or planted for participants to take home. Ken and Shannon will look in to space.
- Bike lanes question, are there plans for more? Regional plan to be updated, plan to update east-west connection especially in Clarington, also long term plan, Ajax already has it. Focus on update is building key connections.
- Transportation plan on Durham Region website, sign up to get email updates.
- Reconstruction on Conlin has incorporated bike lanes.
- This is Murray's last meeting, acknowledgement of initiatives and support for goals of this committee.

8. Next meeting: Tuesday, April 26th, 2016 from 1:30pm to 3pm in CC2214

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Improve promotion of carpooling and carpooling services on campus.	Shannon/Angie	
Smart Commute survey to be sent out to UOIT Staff	Shannon/Angie	
Send C&M info for SCD news piece	Shannon, Angie, Sandra	
Start planning process for We Grow Trees BBQ in May	Shannon	
Space and options for milkweed conservation project	Ken, Shannon, Mary	