

## UOIT Sustainability Committee

### Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup> 2016 11 am CC2214

September 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2016 Action Items	Responsible	Status
Check up on St. Vincent's kitchen for any unwanted food from any events.	n/a	n/a
See if there can be an applied cost to disposable dinning trays to discourage students from picking it.	Melissa	Completed
Check into getting recycling bins properly labeled at the downtown campus.	Melissa	Completed
Post link to smart commute information on OCIS website.	Melissa/Jacquelyn	Completed
Post information about joining the Blue Team on the OCIS website	Melissa/Jacquelyn	Completed

#### 1. Attendance

Ken Bright, Melissa Mirowski, Jacquelyn Egan, Angie Ning, Mary Olaveson, Sara Weales, Sheila Rhodes, Elisa Beverley, Jackson Teather

#### 2. Approval of May 2016 minutes

- Melissa motioned the approval of September 2016 Minutes and Mary approved.

#### 3. Program Updates

- Waste Inspections, Waste Management RFP
  - o Completed at the end of October, we passed.
  - o Develop new plan/looking for better methods and better waste removal rates at downtown campus.
- Campus Market
  - o The Campus Market was on September 29<sup>th</sup>, there was a good flow of students, staff and faculty members.
  - o Venders gave positive feedback about the location, the same location (polonsky commons) will be used next year.
  - o Potential for a yearlong farmer's market.
- Pollinator Garden
  - o Submitted a TD grant for Windfields. This grant would allow for the expansion of the garden and apiary. Goal is to incorporate space into program curriculum
  - o The Faculty of Education also submitted a TD grant for school and community gardens, with a focus on indigenous groups.

- Grant approval will be known in Mid-February
- ASSHE STARS
  - The 2016 index came out, UOIT placed first for energy.
  - There is a full page spread on UOIT's water waste program.
  - \*Action Item: promote spread on website
- EV Stations move- commencement, additional EV stations /MOT Grant 2017 / IIF
  - The EV stations were moved to the south end of commencement parking lot near the south wing.
  - There is interest in increasing the number of EV stations on campus.
  - MOT grant for EV stations
  - North Oshawa to GO station program with GM, UOIT would be a charging port and GM would provide cars and an EV station. Program is in very early stages.
- Zip Car – Car Sharing Program
  - UOIT/DC/Smart Commute Durham are interested in seeing if there is a market for car share program on campus
  - Conduct a student survey too see if there is potential for car share program on campus.
  - Metrolinx would fund a pilot program (The length of the pilot program (if any) after the survey has been completed.) if there is enough potential.
  - If sustainable the car share would be then handed off to DC/UOIT as a joint service.
  - \*Action Item: Angie will create a student survey for car share program.
- Minor in Sustainability
  - To move forward form a committee with 2 members from each faculty must be formed.
  - The committee would meet twice a year (winter/summer).
  - A faculty will need to house the program.
  - \*Action Item: Collaborate on environmental program and sustainability minor
- Solar installment – 61 Charles
  - The microfit system on the rooftop of 61 Charles is live
  - The net metering system at winflied is getting commissioned now. Once up and running, House 22 office will be off the grid.
- Going Greener Feature (COU)
  - UOIT is featured in “we grow trees”
- Green Metric UI (World University Ranking – established in April 2012)
  - UOIT has been submitted.
- European Journal of Sustainability Journal Call for Submissions – Marc Rosen (EiC)
  - Offer any submissions
- New Membership
  - Looking for more member to join the sustainability committee.

#### 4. Upcoming Events

- Thrift swap
  - o Hosted at both Simcoe and South Village residences from December 5th-15<sup>th</sup>.
  - o Students, staff or employees can drop off clothing, non-perishable food items, used books, small household items, disposable plastic bags, batteries, ewaste and writing utensil for recycling.
  - o At the end of the two any left at the drop off location will be recycled.
- #muglife
  - o UOIT's go green social media outlets (Facebook, Instagram, twitter) will be providing students with information about the benefits of using reusable mugs.
  - o \*Action Item: Jacquelyn will update the social media outlets for the muglife program

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

#### 5. Discussion/New Items

- Joint committee meeting between UOIT and Durham December 2<sup>nd</sup>.