

UOIT Sustainability Committee

Meeting Minutes

November 10th, 2015

Sept 11, 2015 Action Items	Responsible	Status
Reach out to professors to complete 'research spotlights' on blog; Professor Mary Olaveson will complete one	Shannon Oletic/Dawn Regier/Mary Olaveson	In progress
E-waste process for non asset-tagged e-waste	Shannon Oletic	In progress
Reach out to the Oshawa Library about seed swap program	Shannon Oletic	In progress
Contact off-campus resident building owners to see if there is interest in expanding Thrift Swap Program	Shannon Oletic	Complete
Durham Region BikeShare Proposal – Shannon to draft letter of support, Ken to send final letter to Daniel	Shannon Oletic/Ken Bright	Complete
Check in with Step Forward to see if paper stock can be filled; give out Step Forward paper in OCIS office to other departments in meantime	Shannon Oletic	Complete
Partner with Durham College to analyze campus food service waste program	Shannon Oletic	In progress

1. Introduction

Ijlal Gondal, Asset and Sustainability Assistant, was introduced.

2. Review of September Meeting Minutes

Reviewed the minutes from last meeting, everyone approved. Ijlal will add them to the website.

3. Program Updates:

Shoreline Cleanup: Successful day, Vancouver Aquarium is collecting all the data. We promoted the challenge through our different social media platforms.

Campus Market: Event was a success – a few vendors sold out before the market was done. Lunch items were hot items, not vegetables.

OEAC Film night: Happening this Thursday at the Regent Theatre. There will be short meet-and-greet with local politicians and local sustainability leaders before the screening of the film. Feedback will be collected after the film around the topic of climate change in Durham Region and will be given to local politicians.

Chemical Detective Workshop: Blue Team has invited Environmental Defence Canada to conduct a workshop on how to detect toxic chemicals in every day products. Will be held during a Blue Team meeting, but all staff and students are welcome.

We Grow Trees: New staff challenge which was submitted on behalf of the Healthy Workplace Committee in partnership with OCIS to Pollution Probe. Challenge coaches staff through the process of growing an oak tree from an acorn. Materials for the challenge will also be given out in award gifts for the individuals receiving their service award on Nov 10th, 2015. Form can be accessed through the Healthy Workplace Committee events page or OCIS's events page. Treetop Eco-Adventure Park has offered to give two gift certificates as prizes for challenge participants.

Hydration Station: 120000 one-time use plastic water bottles reduced from landfill in 2014 has increased to 200000 as of November 2015.

Thrift Swap: Event will occur from December 7th to 17th, 2015. London Property Corp are excited about the event – will communicate it to their tenants and participate in the springtime event.

Step forward Paper: No stock for now, will hopefully have stock by July. OCIS will distribute the stock we do have to departments. Try to get something in writing from the company regarding a deadline.

STARS: Ijlal and Shannon are working to obtain credits. Question was asked in terms of hurdle to improve our rating - LEED certification and sustainable course codes are two items that could improve our rating. Daniel working with U of T to offer LEED certification course for FEAS and FESNS. One page summary requested for progress made. Suggestion to contact deans, provost, professors and academic advisors to help advance the program.

Bike Share program: UOIT letter of support has been received by Durham Region. UOIT and DC working together to get a letter of support from the SA.

COU Going Greener Report: UOIT featured in 2014 report. Communications and Marketing have highlighted the report and our achievements through the school website and social media accounts.

Daniel suggested that UOIT propose a GHG credit initiative throughout Ontario universities ahead of the conference in Paris. He is also working on a ride sharing software for Durham Region with Blancrude, Smart Commute and the Economic Development Committee.

4. UOIT and Durham College Shared Campus Update

UOIT and Durham College have teamed up to work with the SA for a letter of support for the Bike Share Program and for the upcoming Thrift Swap.

5. Discussion and New Items

Karen proposed to have a box for the Thrift Swap at 61 Charles, which can be taken and sorted at the residences.

Ken provided an update on our application for MicroFIT and Net Metering – both have been approved. SaveONenergy has approved MicroFIT for 61 Charles and application for Regent theatre will be submitted later as only one can be submitted at a time.

Waste Audits: Currently being conducted at both downtown and north campus locations. Data will be sent to Shannon once complete. Shannon will check to see if audit is being extended to Aramark.

Acorns, baggies were distributed to committee members. Shannon will send link for We Grow Trees registration.

Daniel is hosting a meeting on January 7th regarding what climate change and the Paris conference mean for Durham Region.

6. Next Meeting: Monday, January 11th, 2016 from 9:30am – 11:00am, CC2214

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Reach out to Step Forward Paper to get something in writing from the company regarding a deadline; distribute paper to other departments in meantime	Shannon Oletic	
Create one page summary of STARS progress for the committee members	Shannon Oletic/Ijlal Gondal	
Work with the Student Association to draft a letter of support for Bike Share Program	Shannon Oletic/Ijlal Gondal	
Create a box for the Thrift Swap at 61 Charles to make it easier for downtown staff and students to participate	Shannon Oletic/Ijlal Gondal	
Reach out to Aramark to see if they are included in the North Campus Waste Audit	Shannon Oletic	
Send link for We Grow Trees staff challenge to committee members; distribute materials for challenge to committee members	Shannon Oletic/Ijlal Gondal	