UOIT Sustainability Committee

Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 27th, 2016 1:30pm CC2214

May 16, 2016 Action Items	Responsible	Status
Confirm photographer/media for We Grow Trees Event	Shannon/Jackson	Complete
Connect with Campus Community Gardens student club in the hopes of creating a butterfly garden, or other conservation activities/projects	Melissa	Complete
Look into using 'Leaf Snap' app for identifying oak trees at We Grow Trees event	Shannon/ Rachelle	Complete
Start researching a possible Office Swap/internal Kijiji	Melissa/Rachelle	Complete
Reach out to Aramark for food composting option at Thrift Swap events	Melissa/Rachelle	Melissa now on food services committee- in progress
Include Science Rendezvous Event within the Sustainability website, with focus on conservation efforts	Rachelle	In progress

1. **Attendance**
   Ken Bright, Melissa Mirowski, Jacquelyn Egan, Angie Ning (phone), Karyn Douglas (phone), Kate Gibbings (phone), Mary Olaveson, Sara Weales (phone), Sheila Rhodes, Jennifer Goldsmith
2. **Approval of May 2016 minutes**
   - Melissa motioned the approval of May 2016 Minutes and Mary approved.
3. **Program updates**
   - STARS-GOLD
     -Scored GOLD for STARS program and will be showcased
   - The Pollinator Program
     -Beehives that were damaging walls of the Windfield Farms were transferred to three beehive boxes. The goal is to increases the number of boxes to 10 then 30.
     -A pollinator garden has been planted for the bees and other insects. The garden includes a variety of vegetables, milkweed and flowers.
     -Want to bring more awareness to Windfield
   - 3rd Shoreline Cleanup

-Had a turnout of 20 people, mainly community member. Marketing for this event is not pushed to keep it manageable. Strangest thing found was a grill.

- We Grow Trees – Durham StainAbility – Sponsor Tree Planting

  -60 trees were planted last year. This year we would want join Durham for this event. They would donate the seedlings and we would donate the space.

  -would look to the university for volunteers to plant trees.

- Oct 27 OEAC Movie Event

  -The movie night will be at Reagent theater on October 27th, 2016

  -Showing "Just Eat It" with a guest speaker Shane.

- Minor in Sustainability

  -Schools like UofT, McMaster and OCAD have already done something similar

  -There is a good group of courses to make a minor for both graduate and undergraduate students

  -Need Faculty support

- Campus Food Services Committee

  -*Action Item: Check up on St. Vincent's kitchen for any unwanted food from any events.

  -*Action Item: See if there can be an applied cost to disposable dinning trays to discourage students from picking it.

- Smart Commute

  -Annual survery is sent out as a way for Metrolinx to update and improve smart commute program, DRT, carpooling, and Go trains.

  -Students comments are given to DRT but Smart commute has no control after that.

4. **UOIT-DC Shared Campus updates**

- Campus Farmer's Market

  -Will take place in the Polonsky Commons, rain or shine, September 29th, 2016.

5. **Open Discussion**

- Covanta Facility in Durham

  -Collect and burn waste. Also offer tours of Facility in Clarington.

  -Take only municipal waste.

- *Action Item: Melissa will check into getting recycling bins properly labeled at the downtown campus.

- *Action Item: Melissa will post link to smart commute information on OCIS website. As well as information on how to join Blue Team.

- Solar Panels

  -In the process of putting in solar panels at Wind field

  -Waiting for permit from the city of Oshawa for panels at 61 Charles St.

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Post link to UOIT/DC parking services commuter program information on OCIS website.	Melissa/Jacquelyn	
Post information about joining the Blue Team on the OCIS website (more readily available)	Melissa/Jacquelyn	