

UOIT Sustainability Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2015

March 26, 2015 Action Items	Responsible	Status
Circulate water management guidelines.	Melissa Mirowski	Sent to Campus Master Plan Committee Members
Send around the 28 day challenge calendar once it is finalized	Melissa Mirowski	Available on http://www.oshawa.ca/mun_res/enviro2.asp *Now changed to 30 day challenge
Send around plan update before next meeting	Melissa Mirowski	Complete
Send feedback on plan before next meeting	All	Complete
Disposing of medication: Melissa contact the pharmacy beforehand, Melissa create posters.	Melissa Mirowski	Complete
Better world books: Melissa will ask around and find out what happened.	Melissa Mirowski	Complete

1. Agenda Review

- Melissa going on maternity leave. We will be focusing more on asset and infrastructure changes while she is gone.
- Dawn will be staying on over the summer and upcoming school year.
- Any initiative's or program ideas can be sent to Dawn or the sustainability office.

2. Minutes Approval

- Approved

3. Program Updates

Completed all of our waste audits for the year (for Downtown Campus. Durham College is responsible for doing North campus)

- *Action Item: Post waste audit information online. 10% contamination (recyclables found in the garbage).
- *Action Item: Do a more detailed audit of waste bins on campus. Send a survey to staff across campus to receive their feedback. Problem at 11 Simcoe Street- not labeled.
- *Action Item: Did you know – what to throw/what to not. Set up near cafeterias.

Completed our energy data submissions (submitting for 2013).

- Not a lot of changes year to year. Natural gas usage went down.
- We started out ahead, so harder to decrease.
- We have a lot of labs and research going on- large energy consumption ie ACE.

Poster/programs: received from communications and marketing

- Poster promote: Carpooling, Blanccride, battery recycling

Populating our Go Green website

- Working on completing the website so it can go live.

Tree planting program

- City is delayed, working with the advancement office to buy the trees for the faculty that is interested.

Tree planting at Windfields

- We will be planting trees over the summer at Windfield Farms. The trees will be ready to replant by the time the campus starts to build.

Talloires Declaration- Presented by Murray Lapp

- We will not be signing it at the moment
- When you sign it you are taking on a lot of heavy duty undertaking, specifically academics (curriculum, course development).
- Went to the provosts and deans. They recommended we not sign it. We need to understand the risks, who is accountable, the declaration is too unspecific and broad, worried about political implications.
- Some may have signed it just to look good, or signed it a while ago and since then sustainability standards have changed.
- No agreement on what sustainability means and if you are fulfilling it or not.
- We can still work on improving on our end, but not sign officially.

4. Achievement Award

- nominated for an achievement award (2015 Environmental Achievement Award by the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee)
- Ceremony May 14th, 2015.

5. Plan Update & Feedback discussion

- Melissa received some feedback from the group. Open to any suggestions or changes.
- Phase 2 will be more specific and include more data.
- Will move onto the senior leadership team to edit and make changes.

6. Leave update

- Melissa will be leaving May 6th 2015
- Melissa is planning to be back May 9th, 2016

7. Open Discussion/New Items

- Round table- any initiatives or ideas for programs on campus.
- Action Item: Lifestyle pieces – Blog series about products that are sustainable. Where to donate for clothes, electronics

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8. Closing Remarks/Final Summary

- Meeting adjourned at 11:55am

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