

UOIT Sustainability Committee

Meeting Minutes

August 17th, 2017 3:00PM-4:30PM UA4170

March 20 th , 2017 Action Items	Responsible	Status
Melissa will distribute the sustainability minor proposal to the committee	Melissa	Completed
Deliver 48 UOIT go green water bottles to Mary Olaveson	Jacquelyn	Completed
Provide storage area for Sage plants	Melissa/Jacquelyn	Completed
Contacts student volunteers for the pollinator garden	Mary	Completed
Check if POSC3100 could be a possible elective for the sustainability minor.	Melissa	Completed
Melissa to send consumption data to Dan for net-zero school proposal	Melissa	Completed

1. Attendance

Nadia Harduar, Zowie Vonkalckreuth, Sheila Rhodes, Jackson Teather, Neil Hopkins, Celina Desbiens (on behalf of Dan Hoornweg), Tina Petralito, Elisa Beverley, Ken Bright; Conference call: Peter Stoett and Karyn Douglas

Absent: Kate, Dan

2. Review of TOR

- Nadia commented on the DC/UOIT committee split.
- Taking a break from collaboration but will look for more in the future

3. Approval of March 2017 minutes

Nadia motioned to approve March 2017 minutes and Sheila seconded.

4. Program Updates

- Interdisciplinary Minor in Sustainability (Nadia and Peter)
 - o Proposal for minor to sit in the Faculty of Social Science and Humanities (FSSH); committee members are in agreement
 - Nadia will be presenting to FSSH Council in September, for approval
 - o Still on track for expected start date in 2018
 - o Peter has been in contact with other Academic Deans and schedule a meeting to discuss and finalize minor; the Provost and President have also been contacted
 - o Peter shared his experience from Concordia, working to introduce a successful Minor in Sustainability Studies, which included participation from almost all faculties

- Input appreciated for title of minor program: adding Studies, keep or remove Interdisciplinary; won't add Environment as it will not fully encompass program
- Require 7-8 course;
 - 2-3 core courses
 - Action item: Incorporate business course to list
 - An optional capstone/field study/sustainability related supervised study (eg. experiential learning; manage community garden; work with City on 'Teaching City' initiatives)
 - incorporation of courses from multiple faculties
- Action item: finalize title (consensus for Minor in Sustainability Studies), course list and gain SSH council approval

5. Ridesharing program

- Zowie and Celina updated on Dan Hoornweg research
- Work to reduce scope 3 emissions (transportation to/from campus)
- Options include: Promotion of carsharing/ridesharing amongst staff/students/ faculty; possible connection with Blencroft; work with OPG to reduce their emissions
- Once finalized, the program framework can have the growth potential to be used across other campuses and organizations to reduce their own scope 3 emissions
- Dan is preparing letter to the Ministry for support and funding

Ken and Nadia discussed a recent meeting with the City of Oshawa and DC on a pedestrian trail proposal and bikeshare program.

- The proposals were met with positive feedback from both UOIT and DC
- The trails will connect DT Oshawa with the North Campus
- Discussions will soon take place with the SMT of each campus
- Challenges: legal risks of paths on campus property; easement or lease of land still needs to be determined

6. Grants

- Faculty of Education received grant from TD Friends of the Environment
 - In collaboration with OCIS and Indigenous Centre, planted two indigenous raised-garden beds at 61 Charles street garden with money
 - Planting of a medicine wheel at Windfields in the Sweat Lodge along with 24 cedars
 - Plants included native pollinator flowers, sage, sweet grass, etc.
 - Plans to plant a new garden outside UL portable
- Challenges: Having students who are there on a continuous basis; need more involvement as Faculty of Ed. Students are only on campus for a short time; gardens need to be maintained over time

- Solution: Connections with student societies, particularly SSHSS who have reached out to get involved
 - o Nina is interested and open to see how Student Life can be involved
 - o How to get other faculties/departments and staff involved

7. Windfields Farm updates

- 1.6 Ha pollinator garden; next year we are extending to the south another 0.7ha
- Large planting on the west side of the west tributary.
- Additional bee hives added along with a bee observation hive (pollinator tour in September)
- In the upcoming weeks, eight (8) bat homes will be installed on the barns at Windfields.
- Solar thermal pilot to reduce propane use.
- Tesla Shingles? Neil.

8. Composting Pilot

- Countertop compost bins in kitchenettes/staff lounges of DT buildings
- Nina mentioned her agreement
- Increase diversion factor in the downtown buildings
- Best to start small

Upcoming Events

- Environment Week

9. Discussion

- Neil mentioned EV chargers
- Ken responded about grants saying that we were not successful
- Kate from the library, seed library at north campus library. Megan started seed library at Whitby campus.
- Rupinder Brar will not be part of this committee but will give comments on topics if required.
- ACTION ITEM: Nadia to set up tour of the roof.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:24

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Send out Environment Week poster(s)	Nadia	Completed
Schedule Green Roof Tour for committee member	Nadia	Completed
RideSharing proposal to Ministry	Dan	
Minor In Sustainability-presentation to faculties	Peter/Nadia	In progress
Connect with students on grant projects; Shelia to schedule a meeting	Shelia	