

# UOIT Sustainability Committee

## Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2014

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	<b>Items</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Minutes</b>
1	Introductions- Environmental Club Members	New Members	2
2	Minutes Approval	Melissa	2
3	Program Updates (e-waste, personal printer, Smart Commute/Blancride, Gord Miller, City Speaker Series etc.)	Melissa	10
4	STARS vs GRI	Melissa	10
5	Plan Update	Melissa	5
6	Tree Planting Initiative (Ramez-student)	Melissa	2
7	DIY Showcase (FBSC)	Sheila	5
8	Peter Love - Joint Committee Presentation Invite (Jan 15 <sup>th</sup> 4:00pm)	Melissa	5
9	Open Discussion/New Items	All	10
10	Closing Remarks/Final Summary	Melissa	5
		<b>Meeting Length:</b>	<b>56</b>

<b>November 6 Action Items</b>	<b>Responsible</b>	<b>Status</b>
Send link for engineers without borders	Melissa Mirowski	Complete
Send out link for StepForward	Melissa Mirowski	Complete
Present pros & cons for each reporting standards option at next meeting	Melissa Mirowski	Complete

### 1. Introductions- Environmental Club Members

### 2. Minutes Approval

- Minutes from last meeting approved

### 3. Program Updates (e-waste, personal printer, Smart Commute/Blancride, Gord Miller, City Speaker Series etc.)

- Melissa followed-up on waste collection discrepancies – it is now on DC’s radar. We will be working with them to ensure that recycling happens properly.
- Melissa is working with DC on E-waste.
- Professor Hamid Akbari from the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science has created an App called Blancride for carpooling and smart commuting. It works on both Android and Apple software. The pilot phase is just for UOIT and DC. Presented to Durham Region who are considering adopting the APP for their use as well.

- Personal printers – UOIT staff and faculty have a total of approximately 145 printers. These printers may remain as is. We are working with IT to streamline the evaluation process that will determine the need for new printers.
- Eighty people showed up to see Gord Miller speak on his annual report. One large class was led to the event. A professor asked if, in future, the event could be videotaped. If so, she would be willing to use it for a mandatory assignment. Murray asked if Gord might be invited back annually to present on his latest report.
- The City of Oshawa is hosting a speaker series event on March 28 for earth hour at the Regent Theatre. The focus will be on carbon and energy reduction. The event will kick off a 30 day carbon challenge leading up to and culminating on earth day.

#### **4. STARS vs GRI**

- Melissa presented on two measurement systems GRI vs. STARS. DC is solely focused on STARS. Melissa believes that we can submit the same info to both and therefore would like to submit to both for certifications. She is looking to create one report that she can submit for acceptance to both. Ken thinks we can reach GOLD certification with STARS. At this point, Melissa thinks she (and he work study student) can manage the accompanying workload. Ken suggests that the committee explore if anyone is willing to take on pieces of this.

#### **5. Plan Update**

- Melissa presents a rough UOIT Sustainability plan 2015-2020.

#### **6. Tree Planting Initiative (Ramez-student)**

- An upper year Engineering student wanted to set up a Memorial tree planting for his graduating class with a plaque as a sustainable and visual way to remember their year. Murray asks that Melissa check with Advancement on this from the fundraising side and that the campus master plan is pretty well set. Melissa adds that the campus master plan would be a determining factor on where and when this could take place. One alternative option might be for this student to get a tree and plaque downtown as part of Oshawa's Green plan 2020.

#### **7. DIY Showcase (FBSC)**

- Sheila is planning a Make Your Space (DIY) getting children to create science projects at an event on Feb 15. She needs Ken to sign off on her campus event request form.

#### **8. Peter Love - Joint Committee Presentation Invite (Jan 15th 4:00pm)**

- Peter Love (York U prof who developed a program around sustainable energy education) will attend the January 15 Joint (UOIT-DC) Sustainability Committee on January 15 at 4p.m.

#### **9. Open Discussion/New Items**

- Sheila Rhodes teaches an environmental course within Faculty of Ed and has two grants (TD friends of the environment and TD Citizens-Science) that require her to host conferences. One will be on March 7 open to teacher candidates and teachers and invites the committee members to join/support if interested.

At next joint Committee meeting- will be exploring the type of paper to be used in campus printers.

- Environmental Club: President Baker Baha.

Current initiatives include reducing cup waste by distributing free water-bottles (Student Association ones). They are working on a Social Justice Week series of environmental initiatives. They are campaigning for a living/green wall – ideally in UA.

Ken explains that the University has explored living walls in the past and had an issue around allergies.

A couple committee members mention that Queens, U of Windsor, and DC Whitby all have living walls.

## 10. Closing Remarks/Final Summary

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Send around the download link for the Blanccride App so we can sign up for it.	Melissa Mirowski	
Working on getting UOIT certified as an official declaration for Sustainability and will update at the next meeting.	Murray Lapp	
Email the STARS/GRI presentation to the committee.	Melissa Mirowski	
Once draft of Sustainability Plan 2015-2020 is completed will send this out to the committee for review and feedback.	Melissa Mirowski	
Tree planting: connect with Advancement & connect the student with Oshawa Green plan 2020.	Melissa Mirowski	
Support Sheila's conference. If committee members are interested they need to contact <a href="mailto:Sheila.Rhodes@uoit.ca">Sheila.Rhodes@uoit.ca</a> .	All	
DIY campus event request form. Murray to sign Sheila's form.	Murray	
Peter Love, January 15, send out an invite to committee members to attend.	Melissa Mirowski	
Paula (Environmental Club exec) will join Baker for the next meeting and elaborate.	Paula	