

UOIT Sustainability Committee

Meeting Minutes

January 30, 2015

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1 Introductions - Dawn	Melissa	2
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8 Closing Remarks/Final Summary	Melissa	5
Meeting Length:		64

December 12 Action Items	Responsible	Status
Send around the download link for the Blanccride App so we can sign up for it.	Melissa Mirowski	Complete
Working on getting UOIT certified as an official declaration for Sustainability and will update at the next meeting.	Murray Lapp	In progress
Email the STARS/GRI presentation to the committee.	Melissa Mirowski	Complete
Once draft of Sustainability Plan 2015-2020 is completed will send this out to the committee for review and feedback.	Melissa Mirowski	Complete
Tree planting: connect with Advancement & connect the student with Oshawa Green plan 2020.	Melissa Mirowski	Complete
Support Sheila's conference. If committee members are interested they need to contact Sheila.Rhodes@uoit.ca .	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	Complete
Paula (Environmental Club exec) will join Baker for the next meeting and elaborate.	Paula	In progress

Present: Murray Lapp, Ken Bright, Melissa Mirowski, Dawn Regier, Jeremy Greenberg, Isaac Tamblin, Karen Douglas, Paula Davila, Elisa Beverley, Cheryl Rogers, Mary Olaveson

1. Introductions:

- Dawn

2. Minutes Approval:

- No changes, Jeremy motioned to approve minutes.

3. Program Updates:

Tree Planting:

- Student suggestion- Memorial tree planting for graduating classes.
- Plates available- prices to be announced.
- Due to expansion we cannot do it here. We are partnering with the city of Oshawa for replanting downtown.
- Melissa described the process of removing trees and replanting.
- In the works and moving forward.

Earth Hour/day:

- Both events will be held at the regent.
- Dates will be confirmed.

Earth week:

- Blue team and green team involved.
- We are not sure what it will look like yet.
- Dance floor – lights up creating energy when you dance on it, we are not sure the cost yet.
- Date will be around the end of March.

DIY event:

- Over 55 vendors, arts and crafts, lego robots, educational vendors and entertainment.
- February 13, 2015.
- Signup for volunteers- sent out an email to the student body and the Blue Team.
- Will be held at the athletic center on campus.

Step Forward Paper:

- Wheat based paper.
- UOIT offices will now be using it.
- Will each department be responsible for ordering their own supply?
- It will be harder to collect data on paper use, and we will have to create a new system. If it is more difficult people may not comply with change in service.
- Ken's idea- give out boxes to each department to try out the new paper.

Data Collection:

- STARS reporting framework
- Response isn't great so we will be changing our approach.
- We will gather who we need to contact and hold an introduction meeting to explain to them why we are collecting data.

Environmental Club water bottle week:

- Students will be collecting water bottles over the week.
- If anyone brings in 2 single use empty bottles they get a free reusable SA bottle.
- The environmental club and the Blue Team will be building a water bottle greenhouse or planter boxes with the collected bottles. We will then donate them to a community garden. They will be built the last week of March/first week of April.

E waste:

- Flip chart of who to call and where it is going.
- Engineers without borders has a shed to fill with IT and department ewaste.
- IT goes through their inventory twice a year, if something is of no value then goes to the collection.
- Call Melissa- she can determine if it goes.
- Completely separate from Durham College.
- OES- Engineers without borders, OEM- IT
- Example of ewaste: keyboard, mouse, printers, monitors, cellphones maybe, bigger items go through IT first.
- Engineers without borders offers value by weight- could be part of a computer.
- We are not getting anything back. Only items of no value are given.

Website:

- Developed with Blue Team students.
- We started collecting blog content from Blue team students.
- February the latest we will be going live.

4. Talloires Declaration Update: Murray Lapp

- The information has been sent around and conversations started.
- Requires commitment- Changes to curriculum and courses we are offering would need to be made. This would be an academic decision.
- They are choosing not to sign it. If in the future they do sign it, it will be because they are ready to invest the time effort into doing it.

5. Environmental Club Water Bottle Week: Paula

- Plastic bottle week is coming up.
- The club plans to collect as many single use water bottles as they can to help the Blue Team build a greenhouse.
- The club is hosting a movie night to watch a documentary. To get in students must give a plastic water bottle. No location is given yet, but most likely in UA. The event is open to all student. They are expecting 15 to 20 students from their club.
- The club will have a guest speaker for the members- Melissa will be talking about plastic bottles.
- An email is being sent to staff and students about the water bottle collection. They will be set up in UA atrium.
- Over a 100 thousand water bottles saved from Brita stations in less than a year

6. Plan Update and Feedback discussion:

- Melissa sent around the draft plan

7. Open Discussion/New Items:

Buses to downtown: *Elise

- Idea came up while talking with students.
- Is there a way to increase trip frequencies?
- Talk with DRT about a discounted price for staff
- In the future plans we will have a parking garage.
- Murray Lapp can try to talk with his contacts to improve the situation.

Blancride:

- Sent out survey that included Blancride
- Presents still visible on campus

Disposing of medication: *Elise

- Effecting aquatic toxicology.
- Can bring it to the school pharmacy.
- Doug Holdway- showcase expertise in this area or other professors.

Better world book boxes on campus:

- Used to be on campus.

Free Cycle:

- Other schools have a separate website- like a student kijijj.
- Free cycle shop- a lot of work.

Battery collection at the library:

- Melissa is working with them to help them with the program.

8. Closing Remarks/Final Summary

Meeting adjourned at 2:20pm

January 30 Action Items	Responsible	Status
Send around the DYI flyer.	Melissa Mirowski	
Step Forward paper- Melissa will be checking on this with Susan.	Melissa Mirowski	
Talloires Declaration: Next stop senior academic team, deans, academic counselling and faculties	Murray Lapp	
Talloires Declaration: Melissa/Dawn send Murray our excel sheet of courses from STARS to Murray	Melissa Mirowski	
Looking for a bin to label and put downtown and at the regent to collect water bottles.	Melissa Mirowski	
Over a 100 thousand water bottles saved from Brita stations in less than a year How large of a room would that be?	Melissa Mirowski	
Please look the draft over. Take your time and send feedback.	All	
Disposing of medication: Melissa contact the pharmacy beforehand, Melissa create posters.	Melissa Mirowski	
Better world books: Melissa will ask around and find out what happened.	Melissa Mirowski	