

UOIT Sustainability Committee

Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 20th 2017 1 pm UA4170

January 12 th , 2017 Action Items	Responsible	Status
Send information about selling solitary bees	Elisa	Completed
Look into using Windfield to provide housing to other animals such as barn Swallows and Bats.	Melissa/Jacquelyn	In Progress

1. Attendance

Ken Bright, Melissa Mirowski, Jacquelyn Egan, Jackson Teather (phone), Valerie McIntyre, Dan Hoornweg, Neil Hopkins, Kate Gibbings (phone), Sheila Rhodes, Mary Olaveson, Rupinder Brar (phone), Gregory Malandrocco

2. Approval of January 2017 minutes

- Melissa motioned the approval of January 2017 Minutes and Ken approved.

3. Program Updates

- Interdisciplinary Minor in Sustainability
 - o Quality Assurance liked the proposal for the sustainability minor.
 - o *Action Item: Melissa will distribute the minor proposal to the committee members.
- *Action Item: Jacquelyn will deliver 48 water bottles to Mary
- Solar Installations
 - o Sunday March 12th, 2017 the solar panels reached their peak performance.
 - o New solar project: solar thermal to generate hot water for House 22 and sun pumps to heat the forensic crime scene house. 3
- Grant News and Collaboration
 - o Melissa was unsuccessful for the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation grant for the pollinator garden at Windfield farms. However, the pollinator will still get expanded this summer.
 - o Shelia was successful for the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation. She got \$16000 for a community garden for the downtown campus.
- Solitary Bee Homes, Bat Homes and Pollinator Garden Expansion
 - o Going to move forward with the solitary bee homes, solitary bees are very effective pollinators.
 - o Bat homes were expensive and complicated, going to focus on solitary bee homes first.
 - o The solitary bee homes to be made using bamboo rods place into cement blocks and wooden boxes. The goal is to have a window for looking into the bee homes to observe how the bees nest.

- Peter Stoett – Dean of Social Sciences and Humanities
 - o Peter has a lot of great experience in the field of sustainability.
 - o Peter has already contacted Melissa and may want to join the committee
 - o Peter starts in July as the new Dean of Social Sciences and Humanities
- Ontario Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Strategy – 2030, 2050
 - o The goal is to have an 80% divergent of waste by 2050.
 - o Include information about recycling in orientation for new students.
 - o Increase the signage at 11 Simcoe.

4. Upcoming Events

- **Campus Unplugged**
 - o It's a new initiative to promote Earth Hour and reducing energy use during the second last week of March.
 - o On March 22nd from 2-3 pm there will be black lit Yoga at CRWC that students and staff are welcome to join in.
 - o On March 23rd from 12-1 pm the student wellness center will be doing mediation in the dark at the Hemi-anechoic chamber.
- **Tree Planting WFF-DPPG**
 - o The event will be held on May 9th 2017 at Windfield Farms at 10 am.
 - o It is put on by DPPG and will include several of their members such as GMC, Covanta and Durham.
 - o Staff and students will be welcome also to plant trees.
 - o There are 50 donated trees to plant and 100 trees purchased by UOIT to plant.
 - o Trees will be used to replace ash tree along the lane way.

5. Discussion

- Durham College is looking at doing the green office program. This includes reducing the number of waste bins in offices and instead having one communal bins for people to use.
- *Action Item: Melissa to add POSC3100 as elective for the sustainability minor.
- Include a password to print in the student common area to reduce the amount of wasted paper.
- UOIT/ Durham will install five new fast charging eV stations.
- On Monday March 27th, 2017 a letter will be sent to the city of Oshawa about being the world's first teaching city.
- UOIT may volunteer as pilot school for government's possible zero-emission university program.
- *Action Item: Melissa to send consumption data to Dan for net-zero school proposal

Meeting Adjourned: 2:00pm

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