

UOIT Sustainability Committee

Meeting Minutes

March 26, 2015

January 30 Action Items	Responsible	Status
Circulate the DIY event flyer.	Melissa Mirowski	Completed
Step Forward paper- Melissa will be checking on this with Susan.	Melissa Mirowski	Completed
Talloires Declaration: Next stop senior academic team, deans, academic counselling and faculties	Murray Lapp	In Progress
Talloires Declaration: Melissa/Dawn send Murray our excel sheet of courses from STARS to Murray	Melissa Mirowski	Completed
Looking for a bin to label and put downtown and at the regent to collect water bottles.	Melissa Mirowski	Completed
Please look the draft over. Take your time and send feedback.	All	Ongoing
Disposing of medication: Melissa contact the pharmacy beforehand, Melissa create posters.	Melissa Mirowski	Ongoing
Better world books: Melissa will ask around and find out what happened.	Melissa Mirowski	Ongoing

1. Agenda Review

- Agenda approved

2. Minutes Approval

- Minutes approved

3. Program Updates

Tree Planting

- Moving ahead
- For graduating class. Faculties can sponsor a tree planting and get a plaque by the tree.

Water bottle greenhouse

- Moving ahead
- Initiated by a member of the Blue Team
- "We grow food"- Speaking with them, they may be able to use it

E-waste (EWB)

- Has been streamlined
- Anything only worth its weight goes to them.
- Money goes towards junior fellowship program

Battery Collection

- Melissa showed battery collection poster

- RMC collects them and gives back a rebate
- One option for rebate money- batteries that you need to pay to recycle ie exit sign batteries

Website

- Meeting minutes have been posted on the website.
- We are up to date with meetings. We will be having one more in April.

Priority Green

- Durham and Clarington
- Green development of housing
- Discussion with builders to put sustainable features into new homes

Guidelines for water management

- Updated guidelines- look at the new campus plan to make sure we are on track
- We are the standard, region have based guidelines on UOIT

ACTION ITEM: Melissa to circulate water management guidelines.

DIY Event (Sheila)

- Past event
- Impacted by weather. 25 vendors didn't show up. Students still came.
- About 200 people showed up.
- Day was good, they are glad they did it
- If they do it again – look at changing the time of year.

Environmental education

- Past event
- 23 different workshops.
- Really good day.

Durham Region Science Fair

- Upcoming event
- Grades 4-12
- Should be getting a good turnout
- Giving out the leftover water bottles

Prescriptions Medication- proper disposal

- Waiting to hear back

Better World Books

- Still trying to find out details.

Step Forward

- Durham College looking into using brand now as well.

4. Earth Day Showcase and Earth Week (low impact, unplugged, donations for saplings)- 28 Day Challenge

- Earth hour event at the regent
- About climate change and changing your carbon habits

- 28 day challenge- carbon reduction personal challenge,

ACTION ITEM: Melissa will be sending around the calendar once it is finalized

- Monday: Durham College waste to art event.
- Tuesday: greenhouse build, a few vendors will be in the pit
- Thursday: Eco showcase pub day. Low impact musicians, sustainable food, sustainable projects ect. This is an open event.
- What the university does for earth hour- systems are programed to drop on the weekends and lower load (all mechanical systems, ventilation systems, lighting, not labs)
- Is one hour enough- no. Some against earth hour. Some see it as more of an event to change culture.
- We could do something to push the envelope. Write a letter to your MP, create a video, and tell someone you care about this issue. Idea to ramp up next year.
- Shut down Simcoe Street- show people that it can work to not drive
- The region is looking into a bike share program for the city.

5. Battery Collection, E-Waste and IT EPEAT

Environmental standards for IT

- Looking to go for gold standards
- IT procurement are pushing it forward

6. STARS data collection process- information sharing

- Still in the works
- Hoping in April to speak to each faculty

7. Energy Usage Ministry Submission

- Just submitted to the ministry
- The way we will be collecting going forward will be more detailed building to building

8. Plan Update and Feedback discussion

ACTION ITEM- Melissa, Send around plan update before next meeting

ACTION ITEM- All, send feedback on plan before next meeting

9. Open Discussion/ New Items

Talioires Declaration

- Murray discussed it at the senior membership meeting. So much is about the curriculum design. Beginning of April he has a meeting to continue pushing this forward.

Environmental Club

- UA April 26, 2015.
- Scavenger hunt around the school to bring awareness. Have sustainable prizes

10. Closing Remarks/Final Summary

Meeting adjourned at 11:50am

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Circulate 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
Circulate plan update before next meeting	Melissa Mirowski	
Circulate on plan before next meeting	All	
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