

UOIT Sustainability Committee

Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2015

April 21, 2015 Action Items	Responsible	Status
Post waste audit information online. 10% contamination (recyclables found in the garbage).	Melissa Mirowski/ Dawn Regier	In process
Do a more detailed audit of waste bins on campus. Send a survey to staff across campus to receive their feedback. Problem at 11 Simcoe Street- not labeled.	Melissa Mirowski/ Dawn Regier	In process
Did you know – what to throw/what to not. Set up near cafeterias.	Melissa Mirowski/ Dawn Regier	In process
Lifestyle pieces – Blog series about products that are sustainable. Where to donate for clothes, electronics	Melissa Mirowski/ Dawn Regier	In process
How to host a green conference/meetings ie dishes, products, food, no water bottles	Melissa Mirowski/ Dawn Regier	Complete

1. Introduction

- Shannon Oletic is Melissa Mirowski maternity replacement. She will chair the USC meeting, and co-chair the joint committee.
- Introduction from all members.

2. Program Updates:

- Water bottles
 - First year students' back packs- already in the process
 - Conferences on campus- in place of single use bottles. Contact the sustainability office and we will provide you will reusable bottles for free. At the time, we will only be doing smaller conferences as we have a limited supply.
- 'Did you know' sustainability facts – campus wide roll out
 - OCIS gave a presentation to the health and wellness committee- many were unaware of the wonderful things we were already doing. We have created a 'did you know' series to send out on social media and on our website each month.
- Research Highlights – new blog on website (uoit.ca/gogreen)
 - Highlighting the great work that our school's professors are doing sustainability-related. Will be shared on social media.
- E-waste process

- Streamlined this process over the summer. Outline has been emailed out.
 - Thrift swap event might be solution on how to recycle non asset tagged e-waste.
- Campus Market 2015 – Oct 1st, 2015 from 10am to 2pm
 - Second annual - located in the south village courtyard
 - We have more vendors this year. The greenbelt will be giving out ‘passports’ to collect stamps as they visit vendors.
- Community Market
 - In the process of developing an ongoing market at the arena during the summer months.
- Staff Garden and kick-off Tree Challenge
 - More information has been emailed out.
 - Extending sustainability past our UOIT borders
 - House the garden at OCIS farm (Windfield farms)
 - Oshawa library has a seed swap
- Thrift Swap – December 2015 and April 2016
 - Idea- Doing similar events at surrounding student buildings?
- GHG Quantification – Energy Star and ISO 14064 training
 - Asset and Sustainability Planner is in the process of this training
- STARS
 - Have reached silver, continuing to try to get gold.
- Durham Region BikeShare Proposal – Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change
 - Shannon sat in on this meeting
 - They asked UOIT to support the initiative to have a BikeShare in Durham Region. We do support this initiative. We need to get this letter drafted to support.
 - *Action Item: Ken - send Daniel final copy
- OEAC Film Night at The Regent Theatre– November 12th, 2015 from 6pm to 9pm
 - Movie- Revolution
 - Open to the public
 - Will have local politicians come to chat before about what Oshawa is doing
 - Want people to leave a note - what they want Oshawa to do to combat climate change.
- Blue Team
 - Residence Move-in booth
 - Chatted with students moving in, got some sign ups
 - Get Involved Fair (shared booth with Blantridge)
 - Got over a 100 sign ups. Great turnout
 - Shoreline Cleanup – Sept 19th, 2015 from 10am-12pm
 - Oshawa creek east
 - Campus Market
 - We have a few volunteers for this

3. UOIT and Durham College Shared Campus Update

- Partnering for campus market

- UOIT will not be using the Take Back the Light lamp recycling program, but instead will go straight to recycling company

4. Discussion and New Items

- Step forward- the company is out of paper at the moment, as they were not prepared for all the purchases. Will be back in October.
- *Action Item: Shannon will check up on this, and OCIS can give out the Step Forward paper we have left.

5. Items to bring up at Joint Committee –Sept 22nd, 2015 at 1:30pm

- Aramark- what steps are they doing for recycling

6. Conclusion

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Reach out to professors to complete ‘research spotlights’ on blog; Professor Mary Olaveson will complete one	Shannon Oletic/Dawn Regier/Mary Olaveson	In progress
E-waste process for non asset-tagged e-waste	Shannon Oletic	In progress
Reach out to the Oshawa Library about seed swap program	Shannon Oletic	In progress
Contact off-campus resident building owners to see if there is interest in expanding Thrift Swap Program	Shannon Oletic	Complete
Durham Region BikeShare Proposal – Shannon to draft letter of support, Ken to send final letter to Daniel	Shannon Oletic/Ken Bright	Complete
Check in with Step Forward to see if paper stock can be filled; give out Step Forward paper in OCIS office to other departments in meantime	Shannon Oletic	Complete
Partner with Durham College to analyze campus food service waste program	Shannon Oletic	In progress