

UTERN EWG Meeting
Wednesday, January 29th 2014
6:12pm - 7:20pm, ES1042
MINUTES

Present: Lesia Kinach (UTERN Internal Executive Liaison), Chloe Lopez (UTERN Secretary), Lianna Hu (UTERN Environment Week Coordinator), Hye Rin Choi (UTERN Outreach Coordinator), Martin Zhang (UT Marine Life Advocacy), Tegan Hansen-Hoedeman (Sustainability Office), Ananthavalli Kumarappah (GSU), Jessica Denyer (Harvest Noon), Kiril Federov (Green Chemistry Initiative), Bonnie Scott (Dig In!), Lorena Tere (U of T Energy Fair), Alex Tavasoli (U of T Energy Fair), Inayat Singh (Project Initiative), Karl Qin (SEA), Katie MacDonald (ENSU), Reema Kureishy (Ecology & Spirituality; UTEA)

1. Presentations from ENSU; SEA; Ecology & Spirituality; Project Initiative

- ENSU
 - Outing to Steamwhistle Brewery, the most environmentally friendly in Canada
 - Purpose: something fun but also related to the environment
 - Eight attendees for the tour and dinner and drinks afterwards
 - Feedback:
 - turnout was a little disappointing; maybe advertising earlier would have helped
 - date – Friday afternoon not the greatest for non-resident students
 - could have appealed to wider U of T community instead of just environmental students
 - Jes from HN – suggested hanging up posters outside Harvest Noon; since general postering around campus not always effective
 - SEA – has also done Steamwhistle tours before
- SEA
 - [SEA Conference](#) coming up Saturday February 1st at the Bahen Centre
 - ~150 people signed up as of now
 - This is their 4th annual event
 - Green Chemistry Initiative – will be presenting poster at the event
- Ecology & Spirituality
 - Planned an event at Hart House Farm; had about 50 people register

- Bus never showed up to Hart House; so had to cancel event
- Lots of interest though, so would like to reschedule
- Could potentially host it during environment week
 - Lianna will contact Reema
- Project Initiative
 - 2 campaigns per year; last year worked with Free the Children
 - Want to do campaign on animal rights; want to screen Black Fish
 - Planning this event for March
 - Lianna suggested checking [Academic and Campus Events website](#) to book room for free as a student group
 - Jes – suggested Harvest Noon as a venue for screening
 - Tegan – suggested space at Vic College for screening; get in contact with Sustainability Commissioner at Vic

2. Environment Week March 7th-16th 2014

- Lianna (lianna.hu@mail.utoronto.ca) is coordinating; info available [online](#)
- THEME: looking at the environment through macro and micro lenses
 - Sustainability; green projects in community or global scale
 - Want students to learn what's happening in the city and beyond
- REGISTRATION: on the website under Env Week tab
- VENUES: see website for [ACE](#) for free room bookings
- FUNDING: if you require funding, consult with your group and send application to President Kwan Ho and Project Manager Michel
 - Send application ASAP because can take a while to process
- U of T Energy Fair – already has event organized for March 12th
 - Lianna will add this to Environment Week
- EXTERNAL GROUPS interested in Environment Week:
 - Green Society Campaign
 - Simon Guan – presentation on reusing car parts
 - Climate Reality Project – Liz Rice wants to do a presentation
 - Lianna will put groups into contact with these organizations so they can collaborate for an event, if student groups are interested
 - Note: check credentials of the organizations to ensure they are legitimate
- KEYNOTE SPEAKER IDEAS
 - Political science had some engaging speakers last week at their event *Fueling the Future* at the Munk School; had speaker from University of Washington
 - Robert Krausz, an engineer from New Brunswick has approached SEA to do a presentation on some of his work/research

- Topics include zero waste, energy use, food security, local vs. global
 - Lianna will be in touch with SEA about this
 - Could potentially be a good speaker for March 7th kickoff event
- WRAP-UP EVENT
 - Green Drinks on March 14th – more details to follow
 - Essentially would be a social for students and a chance to network/meet other environmentally-minded students
- DEADLINE FOR ENV WEEK APPLICATIONS
 - Feb. 7th 2014; making changes/editing details of event after submitting is fine

3. Brief Update from UTERN

- [EWG page](#) on website now up and running; minutes will be uploaded here
- Lesia is also working on directories of environment groups across the three U of T campuses and a more organized list of other general resources for students
 - These will be posted on the [Links](#) page in the coming weeks

4. Updates from clubs/groups

- Reema – UTEA
 - January 30th - 45 minute screening of Silence of the Labs followed by drinks
 - Link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/713092472058763/>
- Jes – Harvest Noon
 - Feb. 4th – screening Food Inc. with the veg club
 - Link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1398109120443791/>
 - Feb. 7th – 2nd year anniversary event
- Martin – Marine Life Advocacy
 - Believes looking at economic side of environmental issues is best approach for protecting oceans
 - Specific focus on fisheries
 - Working on writing a letter to send to leaders
 - Question from UTEF – is there course on marine issues?
 - Hye-Rin – suggested contacting David Powell about doing environment seminar on ocean issues
- Bonnie – Dig In!
 - Feb. 13th workshop on urban chicken keeping; RSVP required – email Bonnie

- Collaborating with U of T BEES through a workshop series
- Planning spring shin-dig event; last year included film screening, discussion, food
 - Will probably fall during environment week, Bonnie will contact Lianna
- Valli – GSU
 - Want to host roundtable discussion on food security; thinking about holding it during environment week
 - Want to bring together food oriented groups on campus
 - Jes (HN) and Bonnie (Dig In!) interested in this kind of initiative
- UTEF
 - One day event (March 12th) for academia, entrepreneurs, and industry members
 - Changed name from SEF to UTEF because want to focus just on energy
 - Three workshops
 - Canada’s energy evolution – where we are going into the future; regulators and people from Munk School
 - From Lab to Industry – how energy technologies developed in research environment to patent process and mass production
 - TTC – sustainable fuel use in transit
 - Geared towards general audience; how to reduce personal energy consumption
- Tegan – Sustainability Office
 - Can contact via email or through Eco Planning Facebook page
- Kiril – Green Chemistry
 - Science Rendevous will be coming up
 - Large workshop in May on Green Chemistry with several speakers
 - ICCE – education conference; speakers and panel

6. Other business

- Eco Planning Facebook Group
 - If you are not already a member, contact Lesia or Tegan who can send you the link to join
 - It is a space for different groups to post links to upcoming events/initiatives to help spread the word about them
- UTEF is looking for student groups that cater on campus
 - Jes – suggested Harvest Noon; also mentioned Ghazale
 - Karl – mentioned that SEA has gone with Something to Talk About before