

UTERN EWG Meeting

28 February 2014

6:15-7:25pm, ES1042

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Present: Lesia Kinach (UTERN Internal Executive Liaison), Kiril Federov (GCI), Ananthavalli Kumarappah (GSU – EJSC), Jes Denyer (Harvest Noon), Chris Stidwill (Veg Club), Martin Zhang (UT Marine Life Advocacy), Bonnie Scott (Dig In!), Lorena Tere (UTEF), Alex Tavasoli (UTEF), Lianna Hu (UTERN Environment Week Coordinator), Naveeda (MSA)

1. Presentation from MSA

- MSA hosted a fundraising donor appreciation dinner
- Dinner was successful; borrowed set of 140 plates and silverware from UTERN
- Cons: spent a lot of time washing dishes afterward because so many
 - UTERN should think about jugs – would have been helpful for MSA

2. Environment Week Updates

- Lianna will send out revised copy of schedule
- Facebook Link:
https://www.facebook.com/events/422787944490186/?ref_dashboard_filter=upcoming
- Question from HN: had a migrant farmer event, but isn't on schedule
 - Jes will follow up directly with Lianna about this
- Please advertise Environment Week widely!
- Opening Event: March 7th 6-8pm at Faculty Club
 - Eventbrite link: <http://www.eventbrite.ca/e/utern-environment-week-opening-keynote-and-panel-discussion-presented-by-ensu-tickets-10791314111>
 - Liz Rice will give speech on Climate Reality Project
 - Daryn Caister from The Green Majority will also speak
 - Proceed to panel discussion with Liz, Steve Lee from FES, and professor Doug MacDonald
- See link for Facebook event:
- Liz Rice
 - is interested in collaborating with a student group for presentation
 - contact Lianna for more details about this

- UTEF – has had Liz Rice present at Energy Fair before; positive experience working with her
- Race to Reduce
 - Also interested in partnering with a student group
 - Contact Lianna for more information
- Jes & Valli
 - Working on Chew on This! Event with EJSC for env week
- Facebook is most effective way to promote
- Promote also through UTERN listserve

Panel:

- Focused on micro-scale; 20th century environmentalism; active role of youth
- Small efforts, big changes
- Jes: suggested focusing on actual projects being organized in the city
- Alice: suggested someone who looks at big scale projects leading to big changes
- Alex: suggested contacting mARS cleantech group about a speaker
- Kiril: suggested contacting Green Centre of Canada – organization about starting companies in Canada; U of T also has chapter
- Jes: suggested Rising Tide Toronto

3. Brief Updates from UTERN

- Resources will be posted onto the [Links](#) page and [List of Network Contacts](#) page soon!
- Note for UTERN: Need to get back to groups about funding more timely

4. Updates from Groups

- Kiril – GCI
 - Have been hosting a monthly seminar for chem students, will have one in March
 - Registration open for conference in May
 - Kiril will send info so UTERN can promote
 - Question from Alex: Green Chem wanted to participate in Energy Fair, but never confirmed
 - Kiril will get back to UTEF about this
 - Side Note: need to be careful about what is actually green science and what is not
 - UTEF – also noted this; mentioned difficulties of defining what is “green”
- UTEF – March 12th event, FREE admission
 - Want to emphasize that not just geared towards engineering audience
 - Have some political science students; TTC workshop; wide range of topics
 - Open to student groups for tabling at the event
 - UTERN could table; includes free food

- Jes and Chris - Harvest Noon & Veg Club, respectively
 - Screening Bold Native – fictional film about Animal Liberation Front
 - Always host screenings on first Tuesday of the month
- Chris – Veg Club
 - Have been planning a lot of small social events
 - March 25th – collaboration with HN; cooking workshop
 - Check Facebook page for updates
 - Have event for Environment Week – talk on diet and environment
- Alice - SCCAN
 - Running presentations in high schools on climate change
 - Organizing vegetarian conference; trying to find other food groups on campus
 - Planned for March 29th in Koffler House, but location might be moved
 - Already thinking about planning big climate change conference for October
 - Jes: mentioned HN is a great place to advertise
- Alice – trying to get environmental student network across Canada going
 - Contact her for more info or to get involved
- Martin – MLA
 - Suggestion from Alex: get someone from a regulatory body to speak/answer questions about fisheries
 - Looking at addressing issues from the bottom up
 - Maybe look at getting someone who studies marine law
- Lesia – Hart House Farm Committee
 - Sugaring Off event is coming up; however date has been changed
 - Check out the [Facebook Page](#) and the [Hart House Website](#) for updates
- Bonnie - Dig In!
 - Next Wednesday – gardening workshop with PACT Grow to Learn
 - Fourth Annual ShinDig – March 20th at Hart House Debates Room, 12pm-3pm
 - includes film screening (Growing Cities) and discussion
 - Want to invite env and food focused groups to this event; there will be off campus groups too
 - Soil blocking workshop – March 12th tentative date; 5pm-6:30pm in Anthropology Greenhouse
 - Permaculture project Update – collaborating with faculty, staff to revive an old ENV course
 - Site will be research park
 - Winter: theoretical course; designing
 - Permaculture Advisory Committee is hoping to work with these faculty members to work on project together

5. Questions/comments/other matters

- Jes – mentioned OCAD event about gardening that may be of interest
- Alice – mentioned that UTSU Sustainability Commission has launched campaign for reusable food containers that are FREE for students
- Note: UTERN still accepts applications for funding in summer
 - Suggestion to post timeline of when to apply by so people know how long they can expect to wait for decision on their application(s)