

**UTERN Environment Working Group Meeting Minutes
October 23rd 2014**

1. Present:

Michelle Newson- UTERN Internal Executive Liaison

Chloe Lopez- UTERN

Ben DW- Toronto350

Riley McCullough- UTSU Sustainability

Lesia Kinach- Hart House Farm Committee

Tiffany Kayar- Sustainability Office

Victoria Partosa- UTERN

Monica Dairo- ENSU

Tyler Hunt- Sustainability Office

Paul Nelson- EJSC/GSU

Alice Zhu- VUSAC/ Climate Change Impact Network/ Waste Free Takeout

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2. UTERN background info

- UTERN is the University of Toronto's Environmental Resource Network, and is umbrella organization for all environment related clubs and groups
- Encompasses all students at the University including undergraduate and graduate students from all three campuses.
- Student levy group that encourages and aids Environmental events/projects
- Money available to fund student-run environmental projects at U of T.

- The funding application is available on our website
- UTERN has dishes available that we can lend out

ALSO,

- If you have any environmental events coming up we can add them to our website and to our newsletter which we send out to everyone on our listerv.

3. Goal Setting

- These EWG/hub meetings will give students the opportunity to network with other student leaders and possibly collaborate on some events
- The Office of Student Life approached UTERN about leading the Sustainability Hub, however since UTERN already does the EWG meetings we decided to combine them.

Some suggested goals:

- Collecting thoughts on what we want to do for Environment Week/month.
- Divestment Campaign hope to reach out and gain more members
- BYO*- For Environment events to use this concept to help reduce the amount of waste at events

4. Updates of Upcoming Events

Alice- Various Clubs

VUSAC

- climate change conference
- Promoting sustainability throughout the year

Climate Impact Network

- will be holding workshops next semester
- these will allow students to meet MPs

Waste Free Take-out

- Send eco containers to food companies and promote concept

Ben- Toronto350

- “climate change is spooky”
- October 30th at Nathan Phillips square
- pressure new mayor to work on environmental issues

November 10th-14th

- divestment week
- Wednesday 12th- main event- march on St George
- Pressure committee and president to divest
- Show that students do care

Riley- UTSU Sustainability Commissioner

- Power shift
- next spring, looking to hold conference here at the university

Tyler- ULead workshops

- Monday 230-4pm in Koffler313
- greening your organization
- waste containers, where to get food ect.

Monica- Multi faith Centre & ENSU

Multi Faith Perspective on Water event

- How water is connected to certain religions and how water is functioning in Toronto
- January 27th 4-6 in Hart house

Green steps to Work

- October 29th at 5:30 in es1042
- Representatives from the solar industry are coming to discuss their careers

BYO* event

- an initiative launch party
- will take place at the end of next semester
- BYO- bring your own bottle/container/utensils
- reduce the amount of waste at events
- looking for other groups to join in planning and promoting

Lesia- Hart House Farm Committee

- Cider and Song was very successful
- next event on December on Sunday 7th
- retreat and relax
- Kate from Digin wants to plan a retreat for food retreat to farm November 23rd.

ALSO, Hart House farm available to students to book for retreats or visit for the day 10\$a Day, 20\$ a night

Environmental Defence

UTERN was approached by Environmental Defence to book a room and promote their workshops

- They are a charity that works to educate people on the toxins that can be found in personal care products such as makeup, toothpaste
- they hold interactive workshops to educate people on what these toxins are, how to they impact our health and environment ect.
- They have said that they will provide food for the meeting and it will be around 2 hours long
- OSL were contacted as well so UTERN and OSL will discuss planning the event

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place in November and a doodle poll will be emailed out a couple weeks in advance to everyone.

Also, we will have a Facebook page for individuals to post upcoming events and discuss collaborating as well.