# **UTERN Environment Working Group Meeting Minutes**

## November 27th 2014

## 1. Present:

Michelle Newson- UTERN Internal Executive Liaison

Chloe Lopez- UTERN

Tiffany Kayar- Sustainability Office

Jess Dawe- Sustainability Office

Victoria Partosa- UTERN

Monica Dairo- ENSU

Paul Nelson- EJSC/GSU

Alex T- EJSC/GSU

Andrew- Bikechain

Alex- Digin

Sam-Toronto350

### 2. Eco fair

- OISE will be holding an Eco-Fair on January 21<sup>st</sup> from 11am-2pm
- Clubs and groups are invited to table at the event
- There will be a free presentation space and groups are encouraged to send 1-2 representatives
- Please email arshi.shaikh@mail.utoronto.ca by December 21st so that a table can be reserved

#### 3. Environment month

- Instead of holding an environment week we will be having environment month (March)
- Discussed the theme of making environmental issues social issues
- Attracting students from other programs and departments to events
- Begin the month with a kickoff or keynote speaker
- Possible speakers discussed include Dan Dolderman, David Macleod and Naomi Klein

## 4. Updates from clubs

## Jess-Sustainability Office

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Green Gala
- Brings together members of the universities environmental community

- March 19<sup>th</sup> from 430-630 in Hart House (East Common Room)
- Invite will be sent in the new year
- Collaborating with Hart House's Get Crafty for an event next year
- The craft will be the making of seed bombs and is looking to collaborate with Digin
- The event date has not been set

### **Andrew- Bike Chain**

- Holding gala in the beginning of March
- Celebrating 10 years
- have breakout rooms which include discussions on becoming a non-profit and their experience

## Paul- EJSC/GSU

- The GSU meeting will take place next week
- The GSU is planning to hold an event around food justice in January

## Sam-Toronto350

- Has meeting at 6pm in OISE and everyone is welcome to attend
- In the spring is looking to keep pushing for divestment and continuing campaign
- Planning to hold a retreat at the Hart House Farm from January 30<sup>th</sup> to February 1<sup>st</sup>

# 5. Discussions /Next Meetings

- A)- Possibility of making one listery for students to subscribe to for updates from environmental clubs and groups
- Suggestion of posting all events on one calendar so that individuals can see every event happening that month
- B) Discussed the possibility of having a facilitator to discuss skills building and collaboration in next EWG meeting
- Having different themes or topics for future meetings which will be sent out prior to meetings
- Also, groups interested in strategies for transitioning new members into positions. How to pass along information and knowledge to new members.
- Clubs also concerned with attendance at events and how to attract people. Suggested to promote event in advance through social media and also how individuals are more inclined to attend if there is an incentive such as food.
- Environment working Group meeting will take place the third Thursday of every month starting in the New Year. With the exclusion of February due to reading week so the meeting will be held the Thursday before.

Check out the Facebook page for EWG athttps://www.facebook.com/groups/895906460441913/