

UTBEAT meeting #3 – August 2nd

Present: Patti, Christian, Anna, Kay, Saba, Sue, Heather Laura Maria (plus one other member whose name was not recorded)

Chairing: Elah

Minutes: Kay

Agenda:

1. Paper reduction
2. Composting
3. Promotions
4. UTBEAT Website
5. Undergraduate involvement in UTBEAT
6. Format of UTBEAT

1. Paper reduction

- Elah requests that members who have spoken with profs about double siding email her with the prof's responses.
- Sue reports that Dinesh Christendat is on board and she will speak with Thomas Berleth and Daphne Goring when they return from vacation.
- Heather suggests that we should promote double siding by placing a sign by the photocopiers.

Action: Kay agrees to make signs for the photocopiers to explain how to double side

- There are many EEB and forestry profs left to speak with and Elah requested that UTBEAT members speak with these profs.
- Individuals expressed a general sense that marks should not be docked for single siding assignments.
- Elah discussed the group ReSource which monitors paper use and reduction measures. Some members of the group express concern about how ReSource operated based on their operations in the Forestry department.

Action: Sue will find out more information about the group once Elah sends her the contact information.

2. Composting

- Elah announces that Norm from animal care (RW) agreed to support the composting pilot project. This pilot project will involve 4 or 5 labs and Elah will send out an email to ask for participants. The sustainability office is very

interested in this project and may pay for bins. Alternatively there may be governmental agencies that could supply the bins.

Action: Anna will write to ward representatives and members of parliament to ask if the city or the province will support the project by supplying bins.

- Greenhouse support of the pilot project is still uncertain but the compost in the woods beside Botany and Forestry may be sufficient in case the bins in the greenhouse cannot be used.

3. Promotions

- Elah reports that the “higher ups” do not like the UTBEAT name. However, the url will likely be utbeat.biology.utoronto.ca.

Action: Elah will get the website operational by the middle of August. The website will contain links that will explain how to double side.

- Elah states that the website will contain the constitution that Heather is developing based on UTURN’s constitution
- UTBEAT should try to get student status in order to receive funds for various projects.
- Elah requests feedback with respect to the website structure
- The RW air conditioning is too cold

Action: Ask Steve and Tamar about reducing the air conditioning.

4. Undergrads

- Elah suggests that undergrads should be recruited

Action: Saba will put a UTBEAT posting on BIOME inviting undergrads.

5. Format

- Elah suggests that UTBEAT should be reformatted so that each project has a small number of members working on it because she is not sure the current format is working well.