

In attendance:

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Jessica
Elah

Donna
Caroline
Daryl

Laura
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Outline for today's meeting

1. Mug painting!
2. Lab posters
3. Lighting
4. Reusable mugs
5. Energy slide
6. Paper towels
7. Dishwasher
8. Paper use in courses

Summary of Action Items (laid out in detail in "Items" section)

- Donna (Lab Sustainability posters): will continue to push with it, maybe through UTpress, Zoom Media, or U of T Student Life? Posting of Black and White posters in RW.
- Donna/Caroline (lighting): Need to look further into the specifics to help analyze the assumptions (time lights on, how many, etc.)
- Elah (Lighting): Ask Atallah about the motion sensors used in Robarts, and their cost.
- Elah (Conservation slide to be posted before lectures): Ensure that slide is posted online for profs to get.
- Daryl (Conservation slide to be posted before lectures): Ask Tony Harris (current BIO241 prof) to post these in the few minutes before class
- Someone (to send listserv email about recycling paper towels)
- Jessica and Daryl (mugs): will coordinate setting up of mugs for CSB seminars in RW
- Jessica (mugs/lights): Will suggest 5th floor RW denizens to consider using the 4th floor lunch room (to better coordinate services and mugs)
- Daryl (mugs and dishwasher): FINALLY send out CSB listserv email notifying of availability of dishwasher (for washing containers and mugs). Should email set time for dishwasher to run.
- Daryl (mugs): take back some mugs from ESC for use in RW

Items on Agenda

1.) Posters for Lab Sustainability Practices

Status: Will continue looking into Zoom Media Ads for widespread placement? Might be able to post colour or black and white copies in RW.

Action: Donna will look into Student life, and look into posting Black and White copies in RW.

2.) Lighting

Status: Caroline has checked the settings using Elah's calculator.

Donna says that, so long as it is profitable (i.e. net decrease in energy expenditures) to do so, Ian Buglass will definitely have the caretaking staff to turn off the lights. However, more work is needed in fine-tuning the assumptions used in the simulation.

Action:

- Donna and caroline will work on fine-tuning specific assumptions. Info will then be passed onto Ian.
- Elah will look into motion sensors being used at Robarts Stack. Info from Atallah.

3.) Reusable mugs (departmental parties)

Status:

- Mugs being used at EEB, but not as CSB.

Action: Donna will look into the requirements for Departmental parties for CSB.

4.) Energy Conservation slide

Status:

- Slides have been created to outline a few tips that are friendly for both the environment and for the wallet! These should be shown to undergrads prior to classes.
- Some teachers have expressed interest, but have not done much in terms of posting it.

Actions:

- Elah will check if they are posted online.
- Daryl will ask Tony Harris (BIO241 Prof, with ~1000 second-year undergrads) to post it in the 10 minutes prior to students assembling into Con Hall.

5.) Paper towels

Status:

- They are being recycled, but not in the labs.

Actions:

- Elah will look into signs/stickers
- Someone will email listserv regarding simply the recycling of paper towels. Paper towels are recyclable and/or green-bin compostable, so long as there is no contamination.

6.) Reusable mugs part 2 (for Departmental seminars)

Status:

- Mugs have been held at ESC.
- More mugs have been painted and are currently drying in ESC.
- Currently, mugs are not in use for CSB Departmental seminars (although Department expresses wishes to resume doing so).
- Mugs are also being used in RW, but have been taken into some apparent EEB 5th floor RW lounge.

Actions

- Daryl will take back mugs for CSB seminars.
- Daryl and Jessica will coordinate the setting up of mugs for the 2pm CSB Seminars
- Jessica will send an email to EEB asking to resume using 4th floor student lounge. This will help concentrate and pool resources (green bin, and reusable mugs)

7.) Dishwasher

Status

- The CSB Department has been kind enough to ensure dishwasher is back in use.
- Daryl has tested dishwasher to ensure proper function, and has obtained enviro-friendly dishwashing detergent.
- Currently, dishwasher is not in use.

Action:

- Daryl will finally send out email informing CSB RW denizens of the functioning dishwasher's existence, and of a set time at which it will be run
- It will be run every Friday at 3:15 pm (i.e. after every departmental seminar)
- Schedule can be increased according to demand.

8.) Paper use in courses

Status:

- Elah had asked Faculty regarding their conservation of paper, in consideration of establishing a "paper conservation conservation" certification program.
- Profs either did not respond, or responded lukewarmly.

Actions:

- Continue considering possible programs. There are many profs who attempt to save lots of paper and should be recognized for their efforts.