

## **UTbeat meeting**

**Tuesday, January 26, 2010**

**Attendance:** Andrea Z., Jessica F., Elah F., Shelly, Laura T.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

- Elah F. will upload the pdf of the sustainable labs poster to the utbeat website
- Jessica F. will email the sustainable labs poster to Bill Cole
- Laura T. to hide Styrofoam cups at Forestry coffee breaks
- Elah F. will set up date and organize a mug painting session for a Tuesday at noon
- Jessica F. will talk to Courtney and Liz in regards to how to deal with the issue of reusable mugs at parties and the guide to sustainable party planning
- Elah F. will talk to Student Life about promoting the energy tips slide
- Elah F. will find old file for compost bin signs made by Ilke
- Andrea Z. will make new signs for compost bins
- Elah F. will schedule a session for end of February

#### **1. Sustainable lab poster**

- Has everyone seen it? Any comments? ... Everyone approves
- Courtney will post in EEB near elevators, etc.
- Tamar gave permission to post in RW (on bulletin boards, etc.)
- Donna is looking into Zoom media for bathroom posting
- Shelly would like posters to put up in Medical Science this summer

#### **2. Mugs**

- good news: EEB seminars are now only using reusable mugs!
- dishwasher is working, should we make announcement to email list?
- can we convince Daryl (CSB) to get rid of disposables for seminars and parties?
- Need new mugs ... plan new mug painting meeting
- Issue at EEB Christmas party with reusable mugs ... staff wanted mugs to be transparent and refused to serve people alcohol in reusable mugs
- need to talk to Beverage Services boss/manager prior to events to get permission and then there is no problem

#### **3. Paper**

- double siding at libraries; happening in some places
- many libraries are requesting printer defaults set to double-siding
- ES library has higher double-siding rates (~35%) than other libraries (~10%) but its not because their defaults are set that way
- should we make signs for libraries to show how to double-side?
- can't 'certify' professors for responsible use because that is offensive to people who aren't certified ... can award people instead
- life cycle analysis of electronic submission/marketing vs. paper ... electronic may be just as bad or worse b/c of electricity for servers, cooling, manufacture, disposal, etc.

#### **4. Compost**

- people aren't composting tea bags, paper towels

- do we need new signs? There are signs there, but people don't read them

### **5. Other business**

- Shelly made a slide outlining tips for energy conservation/money saving
- can be shown before some undergrad lectures but not in others
- Elah attended a seminar on methods to persuade people to adopt environmentally friendly behaviours; at some point, Elah will organize a session to pass on the information to us

### **6. Next meeting**

- week after reading week
- Andrea will do another online attendance poll