PWR SWATeam MINUTES

11.2.2015

Attendees

Bart Bartels

Karin Hodgin Jones

Elizabeth Shancer

Marcy Wright

Warren Lavey

Absent: Dilip Chhajed

Also present: Nishant Makhijani

Points of Discussion

1. Nitrile Glove Recycling

a. Morgan Johnston via email– quotes for trailer and placement costs have been obtained. Tracy Osby is going to provide a CFOP for the funding, then she will send details to Marcy for the journal voucher to mover funds

b. BB - a marketing flyer has been created and will be displayed at collection sites. Campus Dining facilities have begun to roll out the program throughout campus.

c. MW – Will begin to track glove purchases to see if the percentage purchased through iBUY increases.

1. Update on Recommendations

a. Standard Signage - MB via email stated the recycling bin signage had a delay but now that has been resolved. The new labels are being ordered for the existing recycling bins throughout campus.

b. Expansion of Plastics Recycling – BB stated F&S requested an updated recommendation using current commodity prices. Bart adjusted the pricing on the recommendation and sent it back to F&S. He will distribute the revision to the SWATeam.

c. Sustainable Purchasing Coordinator – MW reported that Dan Szajna has been hired as the new Purchasing & Compliance Officer. He is tasked with the promotion of sustainable purchasing and compliance of existing policies. MW was also going to provide the LaPorte contact info to Nishant for a connection on GreenSeal products. NM will share a purchasing policy that was presented at the AASHE Conference.

1. EPS Densifier

a. BB said the equipment has been ordered and should arrive in November.

b. NM stated iSEE is hiring interns to facilitate collections from campus buildings. He would like to meet soon with BB to discuss next steps. Could ask vendors about how things are unpacked.

1. iCAP Presentation – WL presented annual update at the iCAP Conference. He stated there was little but positive feedback from the audience.
2. Waste Characterization Study update – BB stated that waste audits have been done on four campus buildings and occupant surveys completed on 3 of those. Data is being analyzed and the reports should be completed by the middle of December.
3. New Business

a. Anaerobic Digester – KJ asked whether the University utilizes the digester at the UC Sanitary District. She said it is being underutilized. BB said he would ask about it.

b. Post-Landfill Action Network – NM said the program is looking for student volunteers

c. Waste Data – WL suggested we draft a recommendation to obtain waste data to cover the whole of campus, including auxiliary buildings or at least the Union, Alumni Center & Dining Halls. BB will try to obtain more information from Tracy about the buildings he collects recycling and trash.

Next meeting December 7th at 5pm at BIF