PWR SWATeam Meeting

4.4.2016

BIF at 5pm

**Attendees:**

1. Warren Levy
2. Rachel Baits
3. Dilip Chhajed
4. Bart Bartels
5. Alexia Bedolla

Also guest Jessica Tran

**Absent**: Marcy Wright and Morgan Johnston

**Old Business:**

1. EPS Densifier – Bart
   1. It is at CRI but have encountered electrical hookup problems. Its possible specifications were missed and a transformer is now needed to make adjustment.
   2. Bart: We have a transformer in the building but it doesn’t have university ID number, we are in the process of getting it one and loaning it out.
   3. Already have semi load of Styrofoam in the building.
2. Nitrile Glove Recycling – Bart and Morgan
   1. Trailer showed up, next day dining came over with truckload of gloves. 7 gaylords full with gloves in total. We might have 20 by end of the year.
3. Battery Recycling – Bart and Morgan
   1. City of Urbana mails out batteries in bulk to same company we were using. $185 for 2 - 55 gallon drums. We could allow buildings to participate for a semester fee, maybe $20? We’ll pick up all batteries at end of semester.
   2. Bart: Gadget garage recycles electronics and is willing to participate in battery recycling.
4. Environmental Preferences for University Purchasing Financed by Federal Grants – Warren
   1. Seminar tomorrow (4/5) with Dwayne Elmor, lots of purchasing people at iHotel. 3 slides will be presented and a 5 minutes to talk will be given about environmental targets in iCAP for purchasing.
   2. Standard says university supposed to have written procurement for conservation and sustainability; not clear that we have that. May be that no federal agency has asked for it.
   3. Enforcement of standard is through federal grants but White House isn’t enforcing those standards, this may be a way to get purchasing in line with iCAP

**New Business:**

1. iSEE’s Earth Week iCAP Forum is scheduled for Monday, April 18 from 11:30 to 1:30 in 104 of the Illini Union. SWATeam members are encouraged to RSVP by March 31 to participate.
   1. Dilip Chhajed may attend
2. Feedback from Ben McCall about the progress of our recommendations:
   1. PWR001 was returned to be split up, so that is "done."
      1. Employee assigned to sustainable purchasing was invited to meeting but couldn’t make it, we will re-invite to next meeting
   2. PWR002 (Standard Signage) is being implemented by F&S
      1. Signage is being rolled out with help from BSW’s
   3. PWR003 (Recycling Bins) was supposed to be further discussed by the SWATeam and F&S
      1. Need to wait for waste characterization study to be completed since it includes bin maps and where we have bin shortages
   4. PWR004 (Purchasing Coord) was responded to by OBFS by assigning duties to the new person.
   5. PWR005 (Zero Waste Coord) is on hold at F&S pending funding availability
   6. PWR006 (Expanded Recycling) is being evaluated by F&S
3. Illinois Green office challenge
   1. Has been postponed until we have more resources. The website isn’t ready to roll, already a month into the challenge. May send email to ecological solutions company in town to see if they’re willing to participate next year.
4. Campus Recycling
   1. Warren: Does each dorm have recycling coordinator?
      1. Housing may already have that (may fall under BSW guidance)
   2. Morgan put in for grant request to expand recycling on campus (including recycling coordinator).
   3. Will contact RD and see if interested in doing energy/water conservation contest.
      1. Could launch recycling competition
   4. Coordinate with RA’s and make sure they’re engaged in move out recycling.
      1. Since we can recycle Styrofoam now, maybe invite students to recycle Styrofoam during move out
      2. Having volunteers/paid people/staff commitment to help with move out would help recycling effort
   5. Possible formal recommendation on recycling/conservation competition during move out for students
      1. Could be e-waste collection, Styrofoam, energy conservation in dormitories

**Conclude meeting**