**Energy Conservation & Building Standards Meeting**

*In attendance: Alex Dzurick, Claudia Szczepaniak, Dhara Patel, Fred Hahn, Jessica Tran, Karl Helmink, Marian Huhman, Morgan Johnston, Morgan Kaplan, Olivia Harris, Tony Mancuso*

1. Introductions with Tony Mancuso, Communications and Public Affairs Coordinator for iSEE.
2. Illini Lights Out a huge success!
   1. The event has gotten a lot of traffic on iSEE social media, according to Tony.
   2. MJ calculated energy savings to be about $275 (based on several assumptions, such as the lights would have stayed on all weekend) and thinks this definitely needs to happen every week, with iSEE as the primary communicator.
      1. The dollar figure is what is paid attention to and so should be broadcasted.
      2. Marian thinks it would take about a year to affect the campus culture to be more lights out conscious.
   3. Could start looking into additions to and improvements to the event, possibly drawing from what other schools have done. Will also discuss lessons learned before moving forward.
3. Discussion on the development of the Orange and Blue Go Green campaign, with the input of iSEE Communications (Tony Mancuso and Olivia Harris).
   1. Collaboration with iSEE will continue, as will further discussions.
4. Big Picture Recommendation discussion
   1. Want to give direction by creating three levels of priority, with the top level being funding energy conservation projects with significant payback.
      1. Need to maintain quick payback funding because it’s an immediate return on investment. Also need to maintain the improvements we’ve made, or else our progress will reverse.
      2. According to Karl, the third level would include things like continuing deferred maintenance, funding ESCOs, working on the buildings that are energy hogs, and continuing demolitions.
   2. Energy conservation has already had major cuts; the proposed additional 9% cut would be harsh.
   3. MJ is wondering about the potential influence of getting comments of support from other SWATeams or other sources of endorsement. Might be impactful to hear individuals not affiliated with energy conservation advocate for the importance of these funds.
   4. Karl thinks we need to raise awareness about the fact that we are not going to meet ECBS iCAP goals without this funding.
   5. Subcommittee on the Big Picture recommendation will meet on April 26 at 3:30 in 1810 F & S.
5. iCAP Forum updates
   1. Energy Generation SWATeam has created consultation groups on different topics.
   2. In Fall 2012, during the first week of school, Coffee Meet & Greets took place and saw 250 individuals attend. MJ thinks we need to start doing this again to draw in new people.
6. Green Office Program is up and running again, with Olivia Webb replacing Nishant Makhijani as the iSEE Sustainability Programs Coordinator.
   1. The Department of Communication in Lincoln Hall is the most recent unit to be named a Certified Green Office, earning Bronze Certification.
7. The Building Standards Consultation Group is planning to call its first meeting, led by Fred and Morgan Johnston, before the end of the semester.
8. Next meeting is Tuesday, May 3 at 3:30pm.