PWR SWATeam Minutes

11.9.2016

BIF at 4:00pm

Call to Order

Topics of Discussion

Old Business:

1. Gadget Garage
   1. Spread awareness of the Gadget Garage being officially open!! Grand opening scheduled for November 12th
      1. Share Facebook page with your friends
   2. Will be open Tues. 10am-1:00pm, Thurs. 12:00 to 3:00pm
   3. November 19th, Gadget Garage is participating in America recycles event
      1. Focus on electronic recycling
2. Formal recommendation – Paper Policy
   1. Figure out the best way to move forward with the potential campus wide paper policy
   2. Compliance will be easier by telling departments they can comply by buying through F&S Stores or through iBuy
   3. Some departments have designated people that buy everything for everyone
      1. Sometimes researchers and staff buy their own things and administrators don’t know what and how much they purchase
      2. Difficulty is that purchasing isn’t homogenous across the campus
      3. Reach out to Daniel or David Grogan in compliance, find out if there’s responses to the comments that he were made on previous recommendation
         1. See if there were any changes that were made before we formally recommend this
3. Campus Recycling
   1. F&S is not buying any new buckets for recycling batteries
   2. City of Urbana stores batteries and ships drums of them (more cost effective)
      1. Set something up through ISTC or Gadget Garage
      2. Small fee once a semester to go around and collect the batteries
      3. Follow up with Marya and Morgan to see if they’re interested in following up with people in Urbana about this
      4. Gadget Garage could be the ones going around to collect and consolidate batteries

New Business:

1. The Campus Market
   1. Contact Brad Stinson and people running Freecycle at NASA
      1. Possibly have a webinar?
   2. Contact Technology Services and Risk Management folks to limit liability and determine how to shape this for students and staff
2. Further Methane Studies
   1. Karin can continue to talk with Clinton landfill to see what rate of capture they have, they may have improved.
   2. Can reach out to more buildings and have them alter their trash pick up
   3. When asked, building managers were not familiar with tracking how full the compacters are
      1. If dumpsters had sensors about how full they are, they could see exactly when trash needs to be picked up instead of keeping everyone on a schedule
      2. Pilot program was initiated, need to see where that program went and what the results were
3. Interns for SWATeams
   1. Problem we have is that there are so many projects every SWATeam has going on, hard to keep up with and investigate where those have gone
   2. Class could be created where one of the faculty members on the SWATeams is the teacher on record
      1. Diverse group of students (engineering, NRES, biology, etc) all come in as interns and help SWATeams with research
   3. Other option is having students from ENVS 301, as part of the class curriculum, intern with the SWATeams and conduct any research needed

Conclude meeting

**Next meeting - TBD**