Wednesday, March 28, 2018, 1:00 pm

National Soybean Research Center 358

**ALUFS Meeting Minutes**

Present: Bruce Branham, Reid Christianson, Joseph Edwards, Thurman Etchison, Colleen Williams

I. Breakdown of green infrastructure recommendation into several independent, more manageable ones

A. One recommendation on standards and another on a feasibility study to prioritize what can be

done in future renovations to meet them: E14 might be mentioned as an example

1. Question on cost of study- would be minor, as the deliverable would be a prioritization

B. ALUFS could write a more plant-based recommendation (example, tree planting), while others

might be joint

C. Vet Med may eventually be its own

1. Question on who would pay for Vet Med renovation- might depend on what the solution is

found to be

II. iWG meeting overview of submitted South Farm BMP recommendation

A. Some skepticism on ease of agreement on monetary investment that should be made in practices

B. Recommendation will be forwarded to Dean Kidwell, possibly Chancellor or Sustainability Council if

called for

C. Crop Sciences department is considering hiring an overall farm manager- fits well with the goals of

the recommendation

IV. New solar panels will be added, plan for 50 new acres: discussion on what best management practice would mean for a new solar farm

A. May give reason for F&S to become connected to what may happen with the South Farm BMF

recommendation

B. Runoff from panels would need to be reduced by what will be on the ground

1. One idea is low-mow grass, although maintenance would require a lot of walking

2. Any weeds that may grow would need to be kept down by those familiar with Illinois flora

IV. Plans for reducing food waste

1. Brainstorming of ideas

a. To have a bin for food waste to see amounts of it might compromise service to those eating in dining halls, not so appealing

b. Some universities have separate bins for food waste, collected every week, while other garbage is collected every two weeks.

3. Actions taken currently, some of which are open for new suggestions

a. ideas for use of vegetable parts

b. Reopening composting food waste is something to keep in consideration.

c. Some students are working, small-scale, on hydrostatic liquefaction of waste.

d. LeanPath app is used in dining to calculate food waste as it is weighed

e. Smaller plates have been added in some dining halls, impact will be measured

f. Most waste goes into anaerobic digester, except for bones

3. University Dining is not the only organization on campus that sells food; to connect with others and invite as participants in reducing food waste, once more ideas are put into place that can be spread, is important.

4. It is very important to connect the resources going into making food to service to students; reducing food waste will reduce resources used and help financially.

3. Suggestion for next meeting to center around this topic

Other action: Allow AULFS and Water/Stormwater team members to see each other’s recommendations