

iCAP Education Team March Meeting Agenda

** Meeting notes are in blue; action items are highlighted**

Monday, March 3rd

4:00pm – 5:00pm; Teams Meeting

Attendees: Katherine Bruce, Eric Green, Jillian Bennett, Katie Jaszczurowski, Jimena Martinez, Emily Schutt, Luis Rodriguez, Miriam Keep

Absentees: Kate Abney, Gretchen Foreman

Updates

1. Green Career Forum & Panel Recap (Eric)

Green Career Panel was an iSEE and SSC collab, hosted 10 young alumni in green careers split into 2 portions

- Generally positive student feedback
- Not enough time for student questions
- 10 speakers were a lot to squeeze into a 2-hour session... 5 speakers for an hour and a half session as a possible alternative
- Students liked that the speakers were young, although in the future it would be helpful to hear from someone further along in their career

Green Career Forum was part of the Hire Illini Career Fair

- Strong/steady student attendance at the green company tables

2. AASHE stars report data collection (Jimena)

- Haven't heard back about specific numbers but are in contact with the office of the registrar
- Goal of finishing data collection by the end of next week (March 14th)

3. Sustainability language in GIES course descriptions (Katie)

- Only one course that has completed their description update for spring 2025: BADM 395

- ACCY 405, BUS 101, BUS 401, FIN 490 do not have any sustainability components to their course descriptions
 - FIN 580 has some strong sustainability components, but the language can be improved
4. Sustainability Gen-Ed Requirement Update (Eric)
 - Updated proposal was sent to all department heads, mixed feedback (4 positive and 3 negative reviews)
 - Goal to complete feedback and finalize letters of support by end of March
 5. Sustainability Literacy Assessment & Outgoing Sustainability Survey (Eric/Gretchen)
 - Outgoing survey has been accepted for fall survey, will now need to work with the Division of Management Information (DMI) for it to be administered
 6. Sustainability Graduate Certificate (Luis)
 - A graduate level certificate primarily hosted out of the Climate and Meteorology department
 - Primarily online structure but contains a hybrid component
 - Will consist of a foundational course, a data analysis course primarily in the area of assessing sustainability, and a capstone course
 7. Student Internship Opportunities (Eric)
 - iSEE received a donor endowment for student education, being allocated to incentivize companies/non-profit to create space for students to have a learning experience in the form of an internship
 - Current organization participating in this is the Illinois Environmental Council
 - Looking to expand to internships with Prairie Rivers Network (local non-profit) and Sol Systems (East Coast Company) for this coming summer session
 - Looking into other departments to develop similar graduate certificates in such as NPRE and ABE
 8. iCAP 2025 Objectives Discussion (Eric)
 - Opportunity for iCAP feedback/discussion on April 17th at Green Globes
 - Aiming to understand which iCAP objectives are top priorities for students

Action Items:

- Follow up with the office of the registrar for the AASHE stars report data (Jimena)

- Email GIES about updating their course descriptions