**PWR SWATeam Minutes**

12-07-2015 at BIF

**Attendees**

1. Bart Bartels
2. Dilip Chhajed
3. Karen Hodgin Jones
4. Warren Lavey

**Also present:** Nishant Makhijani, Rachel Baits, and Morgan Johnston

**Absent**: Marcy Wright

**Topics of discussion**

1. Nitrile glove recycling
   1. MJ emailed Pete, he did not respond yet.
   2. There may be a trailer that can be donated at the cost of moving it, status unsure.
   3. BB talked with MW:
      1. Money will be transferred to F&S by the end of the week.
      2. Campus dining should have substantially more gloves this year compared to last year.
   4. Flex-N-Gate donated drums that could be used for glove collection.
2. Update on recommendations
   1. Expanding Recycling on the Quad program
      1. The recycling is currently not on a fixed schedule (picked up whenever it looks full).
      2. BB recommends an implication of more recycling bins and a standard time of pick-up. Need to talk to Ryan about what his route is for waste collection.
         1. WL: Need to identify what will be recycled before bins are put on the quad with labels.
      3. Would like to expand this into the grounds bins.
      4. Logical next step: bins on the South Quad.
   2. Broadening the scope of materials that are recycled
      1. MJ: Expanding plastics or some other large-scale change at the waste station is separate from Recycling on the Quad program; large-scale change will take a longer time. Funding for waste management is under review and it is unclear what will be decided. There is a set state budget and waste facilities have potential $6.5 million cut for this year.
   3. Standardized bins
      1. Housing and the Union plan on ordering new recycling bins for their buildings. We should put together a recommendations for standardized bins.
         1. BB suggested two sets of recommendations, one for high-end and one for low-end buildings. Union and Alumni Center are examples of “high-end.”
         2. Reason for standard bins: building occupants can better recognize bins.
         3. Proposed solution for what to do with existing bins: leave existing bins and require a standardized bin for all new purchases.
      2. MJ: Before making a recommendation, need to ask other building-specific committees about what will work. Need to know how BSW empty bins and how new bins will impact their daily operation. Believes that bins for the building are selected by the architect committee.
         1. BB will contact architecture committee for buildings.
      3. Conclusion: should provide recommendation of three-hole bins with standard color code (black for landfill, blue for recycling, and light blue for paper). Backers would be nice but would bring cost to around $1,700. Recommendation should include examples of what is acceptable but not demand a specific brand/product.
   4. Feasibility Studies
      1. NM asked if there are any feasibility studies that need to be held in FY17
         1. iCAP budget being set soon, needs to know if money needs to be spent/if there needs to be a budget set or a project.
         2. Need a brief proposal due in about two weeks, final proposal will be due at the end of January.
      2. Next term feasibility studies in ENVS 491
         1. KHJ, BB, and NM will discuss ideas for studies.
            1. BB: Auxiliary buildings not reporting their landfill numbers but are reporting their recycling for iCAP.
         2. Need to find perks for students to maintain interest in course (examples include sending students to conferences, course credit, etc.).
      3. DC suggested finding a way to educate and encourage students to recycle. Should help students find projects that somehow fit into the iCAP and let them perform their own research.
         1. NM suggested giving education/encouragement project to a motivated undergraduate.

**Old business**

1. PWR SWATeam recommendation updates.
   1. Signage has been approved but not implemented.
   2. Expansion of plastics recycling has been accepted.
      1. MJ needs to look into that and hopefully report back by next meeting.
      2. Decision on hold.
   3. Hiring of a recycling coordinator has been delayed due to budgeting.
2. EPS densifier should be delivered around late December.
3. Waste Characterization Study update from BB
   1. All four buildings are done.
   2. Writing report right now, should be done within the next two weeks except for part of report concerning the waster characterization sculpture. This will most likely be a bust stop made out of plastic bottles, but still needs final approval.
      1. Needs ideas on how to showcase the project.
      2. Could possibly have the sculpture outside Memorial Stadium during football games.

**New business**

1. Invite new supervisor Dan to a meeting.
   1. Find out what he is doing for sustainable procurements.
2. Look into coverage in local newspapers (News Gazette, Daily Illini, etc.).
3. Need to nominate new student member for PWR SWATeam; previous student resigned because she was elected as president of Act Green.

**Conclude meeting**

**Next meeting – January 4, 2016**