**Energy Conservation & Building Standards Meeting**

*In attendance: Alex Dzurick, Claudia Szczepaniak, Jessica Tran, Karl Helmink, Marian Huhman, Morgan Johnston*

1. Old business updates
   1. Update on Objective 2 consultation group. MJ has some people who would like to join and also talked to Fred about preparing a presentation for the first meeting, which will be sometime during the week after spring break. Fred will first recommend to go with the base ASHRAE 90.1. Second half of meeting will be a brainstorming discussion. MJ will conduct follow-ups with participants. Will take a few meetings to hash out some recommendations from the group.
   2. Update on Illini Lights Out. Have to decide about using temporary key cards inside buildings and determine which buildings have key cards. MJ thinks it would be great if we could get an LAS facilities person to walk with students, but would cause them to work overtime so probably wouldn’t work. Maybe go with BSW instead.
      1. Need to know how we’re going to get into each building. KH will take a look at building list.
   3. Update on fume hood efficiency efforts by KH. Found some hoods that aren’t being used and are working on shutting them down.
      1. MH is meeting with Natalie, Green Labs Initiative intern, for some updates from her. Natalie was going to do something similar to Shut the Sash at other universities but MJ hasn’t received an update from her yet.
      2. Red bins already exist in labs for throwing out biohazard gloves. In dining halls, purple nitrile gloves are recycled for free. All these types of efforts will be merged under the Green Labs Initiative after its launch.
      3. Olivia Yu is going to implement some projects in certain labs and evaluate their effectiveness.
      4. MH’s other grad student just got his IRB certificate and is going to start conducting some focus groups to find out barriers to shutting the sash for lab users.
   4. Update on Energy Dashboard project. JT and MJ tweaked, but still stuck on what should be linked under Related Programs tab. Might just get rid of it altogether.
      1. MH thinks student input on the dashboard might be worth something.
         1. We still don’t know if students who walk into BIF are engaging with those dashboards. MK and CS will look into what students think about the existing dashboard.
      2. Objective 4 Subcommittee can take this up and perhaps start a conversation with Mike Marquissee and get an update on where work on the dashboard currently stands and what’s going on with eDNA Web.
         1. Could eventually get students to tweak the dashboard every year if we supply them with the data, which would come from Mike.
         2. Does InStep have a new capability to be more like Lucid?
2. Campus master plan discussion
   1. MJ thinks that we should prioritize reducing square footage. Provost said that we need to stop making decisions based on incremental budgets.
      1. Also the question of prioritizing which buildings should be closed.
   2. MJ is working on creating a plot showing how the condition of building relates to the cost of maintenance. Will share with SWATeam upon completion.
   3. Bottom line is that Ben says we can make an argument for spending money on energy conservation. We have past projects and figures to back it up.
      1. Karl thinks we need the dollar figure as well for the average person to understand the savings. E.g., spend now or spend a lot more later.
   4. What are the things that we could do that would allow us to easily engage campus? Perhaps regarding building hours, occupancy sensors, summer hours…
   5. Maybe send a recommendation up to deal with Burnside.
   6. KH thinks we have to somehow bust people out of the mentality of focusing only on their personal budgets.
      1. According to MJ, everyone is writing an annual report describing what they could do to cut 9% and then submitting to a team who will share recommendations and discussions with provost for upcoming year.
   7. Overall, the SWATeam will pull together a “big picture” document—instead of several recommendations—advocating for funds in support of energy conservation to be considered in the master plan.
3. Tasks
   1. Karl will talk to Mike about coming in and updating us on the Energy Dashboard.
   2. MK and CS will ask what students would like to see with regards to energy usage feedback inside buildings.
   3. Campus-wide meeting on the Master Plan on April 12.
   4. Provost campus budget meeting on Thursday, March 17.
   5. JT and MH will work on the introductory text of our master plan proposal document while KH and MJ will work on the meat of the issue. Document will go through iSEE (will be making a recommendation in the process) and then to the Office of the Provost. This will take priority over the Energy Dashboard. Basically a big picture document instead of a bunch of recommendations.
      1. Karl will meet with Kent next week.
   6. MJ will look into turning the lights off at Foellinger.