PWR SWATeam Meeting

9.13.2016

BIF at 3:30pm

**Attendees**:

Morgan Johnston

Dilip Chhajed

Joy Joann Scrogum

Warren Lavey

Marcy Wright

Rachel Baits

Belen Muniz

Alexia Bedolla

**Call to Order**

Welcome Rachel Baits as new chair for fall semester!

**Old Business:**

1. Update on progress during the summer
   1. No meetings during summer, no progress that needs to be addressed
2. Gadget Garage – Joy
   1. Description: The Illini Gadget Garage is a collaboration of the Sustainable Electronics Initiative (SEI) at the Illinois Sustainable Technology Center (ISTC), the UI School of Art and Design, and the School of Information Science (The iSchool at Illinois). Staff from all these units provide support and guidance, while ISTC coordinates efforts and administers seed funding granted by the Student Sustainability Committee and external donations. The Illini Gadget Garage is a collaborative repair center for student and staff owned electronic devices (and other small tools and appliances with electronic components), that works to extend the useful life of products, and thus conserve the natural and human resources invested in their manufacture, provide experiential learning for students through associated classes, volunteering, and participation in the iFixit Technical Writing Project, and empower people to see do-it-yourself repair as a viable option for addressing minor damage and performance issues
   2. Can metrics be tracked for this project?
      1. Yes, a scale is present to track things like parts, time spent, people helped, etc.
   3. What type of advertising has been done?
      1. That has been hindered due to the gadget garage not being able to tell people they are open to the public. There has been some advertisement through social media and pop up clinics have helped spread the word.
   4. What do you do about sustainable disposal?
      1. Various locations in Champaign to take things that need to be disposed of. No collection is available through the gadget garage, we can only refer people to locations to dispose of their things sustainably. We also take limited donations for students to use to fix things.
   5. What kind of upgrades are still needed at the location?
      1. Exterior upgrades are all completed. Interior upgrade are still being organized and our grand opening is TBA.

**New Business**:

1. PWR SWATeam’s focus and accomplishments have been:
   1. Labeling recycling bins
   2. Nitrile glove recycling
      1. Program is still in housing with bins that are currently 25-30% full (will update later) but it hasn’t been promoted
      2. Green Labs
      3. Certified Green Office program.
         1. More information to follow
            1. Info, when obtained, could be included on poster under the purchasing objective
   3. EPS densifier
   4. Waste characterization study
2. Begin to fill out the template for poster
   1. Due September 30, 2016
   2. May need to meet again in 2 weeks to discuss final version before deadline
3. Purchasing
   1. Certified Green Office program (see above)
4. Future action
   1. Gather all recommendations and post it to iCAP portal
   2. Awarded vendor – we should highlight this to show the University’s green spending/purchasing and educate the public on what U of I does, **promote** vendors to increase recycling and green spending
      1. Gets people to buy these green/sustainable products
      2. Promoting them helps bring cost down

**Conclude meeting**

**Next meeting – TBD**