

iCAP Working Group Agenda

Thursday, February 23, 2017

Present: Morgan Johnston, Sean Reeder, Scott Willenbrock, Rob Fritz, Matt Tomaszewski

These represent the first recommendations the Sustainability Council will consider- this meeting is getting iWG consensus on them before the Council meets on March 6.

1. Rooftop Solar Standard

Discussions: How much flexibility should we allow in a building standard like this one? This will definitely cause building costs to go up and may render some projects unfeasible. We need to strike a balance between overreach and not being taken seriously. A good way to do this is to require a variance for anyone who doesn't want solar on their rooftops. Forward to council.

2. Petascale Offset Planning

Scott met with NCSA; NCSA did not want to purchase offsets or RECs, thought it would render them less competitive with other supercomputing sites. Some contention within iWG about the environmental value of RECs. The biggest issue is convincing NCSA to divert money towards some type of mitigation for their emissions. Chose to forward to VCR so that the issue is on the table, but will indicate areas of disagreement in comments.

3. Tree Inventory Update

Defining the carbon sequestration of our current plantings. Reducing redundancy in equipment requests.

4. Additional Afforestation

Putting in 20 acres of forest at a former turf-grass research site at Race and Windsor. Need to talk about all the different possible uses of that site- and make sure it's not going to be used for turf grass research in the future! Will recommend evaluation of site, possibly moving the 20 acres to a riparian border along the Embarras River.

5. Green Labs Coordinator – with updated info from Evan DeLucia

Evan will forward this rec to the VCR.