**11.30.2017**

**PWR SWATeam Agenda**

*National Soybean Research Center Room 240, 4pm*

**Attendance:** Tim Stark, Ireland Flannery, Rebecca Laurent

**Minutes approved from 11/16 were approved.**

**BATTERIES**

**Background**

Omer Capraz attended our meeting on 11/16 to talk about battery recycling on campus. One of the ideas that came up in that discussion was to run a rechargeable battery collection/distribution system for campus through Purchasing.

* Purchasing would maintain the chargers and ship charged batteries out to various departments.
* Departments would then send uncharged batteries back to Purchasing to be replaced.

Omer planned on talking to Purchasing, completing a report on recommendations for campus, and bringing that information back to the SWATeam to draft a recommendation for moving forward.

**Discussion**

* Really like the idea of running a rechargeable battery collection/distribution system for campus through Purchasing. The departments wouldn’t care, and it could be at a lower cost.
* Batteries are used for microphones, flashlights, etc. These would be 9 volt and AA batteries.
* Who would go into classrooms to pick up the old batteries? The machine shop handles classroom equipment.
* Interest in being a part of the discussions that Omer is having.
* Could iSEE handle rechargeable battery collection/distribution of Purchasing cannot?

**Next Steps**

* *Rebecca*: Follow-up with Omer to see where he is at with his conversations with Purchasing.
* Rebecca – Contact Purchasing and express our interest in having them at one of our meetings.
* Rebecca – Create a draft recommendation for a rechargeable battery system.

**REARRANGEMENT OF OUTDOOR BINS**

**Next Steps:** Waiting for an update from Fangxing.

**REARRANGEMENT OF INDOOR BINS**

**Background:** Joy Scrogum created a set of proposed guidelines for the placement of indoor bins.

**Discussion:**

* Goal is to try this out in the Hydrosystems Building at a smaller scale to see how it works and then meet with building supervisors to assess the feasibility of implementing it in buildings across campus.

**Next Steps:**

* *Rebecca* – Reach out to Morgan about first steps for trying this in the Hydrosystems Building.

**EXPANDING SMARTWAY**

**Background**

Housing is SmartWay certified.

**Discussion:**

We could push for other campus entitites to request that their vendors have the same certification. Possibilities:

* Illini Union
* Purchasing

**Next Steps:**

*Warren* – ask the Union about certification.

*Rebecca* – contact Purchasing about finding a time to talk with us about various recommendations.

**EPEAT**

**Next Steps**

Rebecca – contact Purchasing to talk about EPEAT products.