

SWATeam Recommendation

Name of SWATeam: Purchasing, Waste and Recycling

SWATeam Chair: Bart Bartels

Date Submitted to iSEE: 5/10/16

Specific Actions/Policy Recommended (a few sentences):

We recommend a campus stakeholder lead an effort to expand and improve the effort to capture items during Move Out – collaborating with the YMCA on the Dump & Run. This action includes filling gaps in staff & volunteer coordination, campus space coordination, and facilitating vehicles and staff time to run them.

Rationale for Recommendation (a few sentences):

The University once managed the Move-Out activities, trying to reuse and recycle as much as possible. In 2012 the program was handed off to the YMCA, who has managed the program to the best of their ability since that time. With the Y overseeing the program, gaps have been identified that can't be filled by the off-campus entity. For instance they are not eligible for many grants that an UIUC organization could obtain. Also, the Y is disadvantaged by not being part of the on-campus network, which would make communications easier. Lastly, they are lacking in vehicles and UIUC staff to drive them. Having an on-campus champion could fill each of these gaps.

Connection to iCAP Goals (a few sentences):

This activity to increase the recycling rate connects with Purchasing/Waste/Recycling Goal 5 of the iCAP which states, "Identify opportunities for an increase in reuse and recycling of materials".

Perceived Challenges (a few sentences):

Student volunteers may be difficult to find after finals week. For that reason, staff and faculty volunteers will be needed. Also, there will be a need to find University Vehicles that aren't being used during finals week. That task could be difficult although the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics might have some available.

Suggested unit/department to address implementation: **iSEE**

Research indicates the most likely placement for such a program is the campus Sustainability Office. In the case of UIUC, this would mean the Institute of Sustainability, Energy, and Environment (iSEE), as it is in their mission to "develop and implement strategies for a sustainable environment on the UIUC campus".

Anticipated level of budget and/or policy impact (low, medium, high): **low**

The budget for this project would mostly consist of iSEE's staff time. The PWR SWATeam also believes that Facilities & Services should subsidize this program as they will be the beneficiary of avoided costs. These costs (tipping and hauling fees) have been estimated to be \$67 per ton.

Individual comments are required from each SWATeam member (can be brief, if member fully agrees):

Team Member Name	Team Member's Comments
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Bart Bartels	I support this!
Marcy Wright	I support this.
Warren Lavey	Good!
Rachel Baits	I agree!
Dilip Chhajed	I think the University should jointly explore with the YMCA the best way to move this program forward.
Karin Hodgkin Jones	I support this!

Comments from Consultation Group (if any; these can be anonymous):

Explanation and Background (can be supplied in an attachment):