Friday, 22 February 2019, 9:00 am

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ALUFS SWATeam Meeting Minutes

Present: Bruce Branham, Brent Lewis, Ella Liskiewicz, Colleen Williams

I. iCAP Evaluation, Objective 7.1: Perform a comprehensive assessment of GHG emissions from agricultural operations, and develop a plan to reduce them, by the end of FY16.

A. Need some information from absent members to see if objective is on track for completion by 2020

B. Action: Ask about tools that could be or have been used

C. Some resistance existed in getting acreage and management practices information: much independent management

1. New Farm Manager on campus might help, but discussion between manager and team have been about other topics

D. Agreement that this objective is a priority for the semester

II. Objective 7.2: Design and maintain campus landscapes in a more sustainable manner; expand the specification of sustainable plantings in campus landscaping standards, and develop and implement a tree care plan by FY16 and an integrated pest management program by FY17.

A. Sustainability is now in Master Plan and Design Guidelines

B. U of I is a Bee Campus and a Tree Campus

C. Low-mow areas are developed into pollinator support

D. Objective may stay in iCAP, but with new specific goals, as many of them have been met

III. Objective 7.3: Incorporate sustainability principles more fully into the Campus Master Plan

A. This objective is now complete as was needed for 2020, but should be a part of each new edition of the Master Plan

1. Master Plan is updated every ten years, iCAP every five; objective should re-enter 2025 iCAP

IV. Implement a project that examines the food service carbon footprint for Dining and other on-campus food vendors, while increasing local food procurement to 40% by FY25.

A. Action: check absent member for question, “Is campus on track to complete this objective”

B. Research has suggested that the percentage goal is higher than needed

1. Food choice is a bigger factor on emissions than transportation

Further action items: check for certainty on evaluation deadlines, access link to Tree Survey, complete comments for recommendations