

iWG Assessment

SWATeam Recommendation Ref #: PWR 020 – Endorsement of Eight (8) Indoor Solid Waste & Recycling Collection from F&S

Date of iWG Assessment Started: 07/02/2019

Assessment Completed: 08/08/2019

Original SWATeam Recommendation:

Recycling on campus is inconsistent and unstandardized (see photo). As a result, the PWR SWATeam appreciates the efforts of F&S to create a more uniform recycling plan for campus buildings. This would reduce the amount of waste that goes to landfills, provided that a comprehensive plan to divert recyclable materials from landfills is implemented.

An example of the inconsistent and unstandardized recycling on campus is this photograph from the Krannert Center, which conveys misleading information about how recycling works on campus. In reality, waste is not separated to “sort out the recyclables after collection.”

Another example of misleading information concerns contamination: placing a half full cup of coffee or other liquid in a recycling bin prevents the entire contents of the bin from being recycled because of contamination.



iWG Assessment of budget and policy impacts (*check one*):

moderate budget and/or policy impact OR major budget and/or policy implications

iWG Routing Need (*check one*):

more detailed study OR transmit recommendation OR forward to Sustainability Council

iWG Routing Direction (*department name, SWATeam, or Council*): iSEE

iWG Recommendation: iWG asks Dr. DeLucia to write a letter of support to Dr. Attalla in favor of F&S implementing this plan. Also, we suggest iSEE to write an article about the initiative for new bins.

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

iWG Member Name	iWG Member's Comments
Ximing Cai (iSEE)	I support this recommendation. iSEE communication team will write an article for Illini Daily to prompt the implementation.
Morgan White (F&S)	We are excited to be able to launch these new indoor recycling bins for campus. F&S is working on an overall communications plan for this multi-year effort, and we would like to work with Tony's team at iSEE to identify the best time for a related article in the iSEE newsletter. Most likely it would be best to occur when the new bins have actually arrived and are getting installed.
Alma Sealine (Student Affairs)	I support this recommendation.
Matthew Tomaszewski (Provost's Office)	I support this recommendation.
Scott Willenbrock (Provost Fellow)	I support this recommendation. And could we please replace the Krannert bins before the start of the Fall 2019 semester?

John Dallesasse (Academic Senate)	I support the iWG Recommendation.
Joe Edwards (Student Sustainability Committee)	I cannot support this recommendation strongly enough. There is significant misinformation on campus as to recycling programs and few clear sources for answers.
Sean Reeder (OBFS)	I support this recommendation.
S. Renee Wiley (college-level facility manager)	I fully support this recommendation.
Joey Kreiling/Jonah Messinger (Student Sustainability Leadership Council)	I agree.

Attach any comments from subject matter experts (with names and roles).