**Education Sustainability Working Advisory Team Initial Meeting**

Thursday, September 26, 2019

1:00pm at Room 358, NSRC

*Members in attendance: Ximing Cai [XC] (iSEE) Carolyn Cai [CC] (student representative); Sharlene Denos [SD] (Physics); Stacy Gloss [SG] (Applied Research Institute); Dave Guth [DG] (Illini Union); Fina Healy [FH] [student representative); Ann Witmer [AW] (Engineering); Gillen Wood [GW] (iSEE, chair)*

*Unable to attend: Julie Cidell [JL] (Geography & GIS); Alexa Smith [AS] (student representative)*

*Notetaker: Regina Cassidy [RC] (iSEE)*

1. Introductions
2. What is currently being done about sustainability education on campus?

**A**. There are already many courses directly about sustainability

**B**. iSEE has an intern working on creating a segment on sustainability to be incorporated into student ethics training

**C.** iSEE Congress; Campus Sustainability Celebration

**D**. There is a 2015 Illinois Climate Action Plan available to anyone who is interested in learning about what the campus is doing to promote sustainability

**E**. iSEE website has listing of many projects completed, underway, and in the works

1. Why has this committee been formed?
2. To help the campus achieve our iCAP goals
3. Widespread consensus that sustainability is of major concern to students
4. Students have been known to reject colleges that aren’t working toward sustainability
5. Sustainability professionals are beginning to emerge
6. Help students and faculty integrate sustainability into research
7. What is our task?

The committee’s goal this semester is to put forth 5-10 recommended goals for the Illinois Climate Action (iCAP) 2020 report. These goals will be toward:

1. curricular education (new and/or improved courses in sustainability, minors, certificates)
2. getting instructors to incorporate a sustainability segment into courses, perhaps as a lecture or as a student project
3. general campus education (non-curricular, e.g. presence at events)
4. How do we make progress?
5. each Team member needs to make a list of actionable priorities to share and finalize at next meeting in October. It may be in any of the areas mentioned in 4.
6. first go for low-hanging fruit – outreach and programming, followed by creating coursework, then integrating sustainability into existing curriculum
7. specify obstacles to achieving our goals
8. ask iWG directly to secure monetary support for projects
9. make sure objectives have measurable outcomes
10. make sure objectives specifically relate to iCAP goals
11. recognize and eliminate “bracketing,” half-hearted measures from passively resistant faculty
12. partner with other SWATeams on joint projects or hand off projects to more appropriate SWATeams when necessary
13. Get feedback on objectives from iWG before revising objectives at November meeting
14. Team Members Wish List
* **FH**: Recycling education
* **DG**: Adding a sustainability component to all campus events
* **CC**: Training workshop on sustainability for all new students, more support for student-initiated measures, such as the climate strike
* **SD**: Sustainability certification for research students
* **AW**: Challenge all Engineering faculty to teach one lesson in applied sustainability concepts
* **SG**: Incorporate Indoor Air Quality segment into applied continuing education courses

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. Team members should become familiar with iCAP 2015
2. Team member will each generate 5 ideas on one page of desired objectives, being as specific as possible, and email to Gina and Gillen before the October meeting.

Meeting Adjourned 2:00

Next meeting is Friday, October 11 at 12:00 in NSRC 358.