

Minutes for IWG Meeting

Friday, November 22
9-10 a.m., NSRC 358

Attendees: John Dallesasse, Ximing Cai, Morgan White, Joe Edwards, S. Renee Wiley, Alma Sealine, Sandy Yoo, Bugra Sahin, Jonah Messinger, Meredith Moore

Could not attend: Matthew Tomaszewski, Joey Kreiling

1. Call to Order
2. Update from Sustainability Council Meeting (*Ximing*)
 - Major topic of discussion was how to reach the 140,000 MWh/year objective by 2025.
 - i. Solar Farm 2.0: Anticipated commercial operation date is expected in winter of 2020
 - *Morgan*: Kick-off event is likely to be held on Earth Day, with the SWATeam members and the entire campus
 - ii. Solar Farm 3.0 was brought up for discussion at the April Sustainability Council meeting. F&S is working with an external consultant who is expected to finish work and provide an update around January 2020 with input from the comptroller.
 - *Sandy*: To present at the May Board of Trustees meeting, we need to make sure that we reach out and gather necessary input/people by March (the sooner, the better!).
 - iii. Ethics training was approved to move forward as an optional addition to the annual training for faculty and staff.
 - Provost Cangelaris wants to make this required for faculty and staff, and preferred that it is placed in the middle of the training course. The task now is to form a group to work on content and then work toward making the training mandatory.
 - *Joe* asked if there are other schools that have optional sustainability training. We could incorporate the new training/video into the Greener Campus Programs as a prerequisite to certification.
 - *John* suggested offering a \$100 giftcard to encourage people to watch the video or participate in the training.
 - *Bugra* suggested that the training be required for students as well (housing training or during move-in, gen-ed courses, freshman orientation, etc.)
 - Ethics training content should include how our recycling efforts are working, what we can recycle, and offer consistent messaging and signage across campus. *Morgan* reminded the IWG that we are in the process of replacing all outdoor bins, that we require blue bags in all

indoor recycling containers, and we are developing new training for service workers.

3. iCAP 2020 process update (Meredith)

- Thank you for providing input to the SWATeam objectives!
- SWATeams are now in the process of responding to the major questions and are working to provide cost estimates for their objectives and strategies. They will provide this to Meredith by Reading Day, December 12, 2019. She will pass this along to the iWG.
- Writing of the SWATeam introductions for the iCAP 2020 has begun.
- The next Student Input Session is on Thursday, December 5 at the YMCA. Students are asked to take their ideas from the last session and develop project ideas, recommendations, or objectives. Meredith will compile the results and pass on to the SWATeam clerks and chairs.

4. iCAP 2020 issues (roundtable discussion)

- What do we do about the cost of projects?
 - i. *Jonah* suggested that a centralized green fund would help allocate the money across campus and not in specific departments (*John* pointed out that departments do not hide their money and this may be a misconception especially among students).
 - ii. *Ximing* and *Sandy* said that we need to identify sources of funding to fund green activities and how much is needed to implement these objectives. It is very important for the SWATeams to provide a cost estimate!
 - iii. Behavior change is a major initiative at no or little cost, but more significant sources of funding is also needed for projects. *John* pointed out that since the money flows from the top-down and many departments are running deficits, campus funding needs to stem from the President and Chancellor.
 - iv. *Alma* pointed out that it will be difficult for some departments to pay for their own projects, such as Auxiliaries in particular, since they would have to increase their prices which impacts the student experience. We need more education and a culture change about what money goes toward, especially since the students would be contributing funds for these projects.
- What objectives have not been successful or have not been addressed since the iCAP 2015? How can we catch up? (*Ximing*)
 - i. *Ximing* suggested that we ask the SWATeams to work on addressing the “failed” objectives from the iCAP 2015.
 - ii. *Alma* and *Sandy* pointed out that we should also ask the SWATeams to identify their priorities instead of addressing all of the issues for their topic. *John* suggested that these priorities include what projects will have the greatest impact and what is the most realistic to implement? It wouldn't be worth setting an object that we can't achieve.
 - iii. *Morgan* is in the process of going through the objectives and will work with *Ximing* and *Meredith* to decide what we will ask of the teams in January.

5. Sharing of impressions and observations so far of the iCAP process and submitted objectives (roundtable discussion)

- *Joe* pointed out that there is a lack of accountability. What happens when an objective is not achieved?
- *Sandy* said that she recently participated in interview of Utility Retainer contracts. She suggested that we invite Andy Price of the AEI Madison office to an iWG meeting and to F&S to speak about his energy building model, available sustainability options, and his Stanford \$500 million infrastructure project. Kent Reifsteck should be included in this conversation as well. *Sandy* said that AEI would be interested in this but we will discuss at the next meeting to decide if we want to move forward.

Next meeting: Week of December 16-20