**Engagement Sustainability Working Advisory Team**

Date: 11/6/2020

Location: Zoom

Time: 1-2 pm

*Attendees: Ann Witmer (co-chair), Robert McKim (co-chair), Alexa Smith (clerk), Jie Hu (Faculty), Sammy Yoo(staff), Dave Guth (staff), Keilin Tarum Jahnke, Miranda Johnson (student), Meredith Moore (Sustainability Programs Coordinator), Morgan White (iWG), Ximing Cai (iWG)*

*Absentees: Fina Healy (student), Hiba Ahmed (student), Kate Gardiner (staff)*

Agenda:

1. Review of recommendation submittal process
   1. Template: <https://uofi.box.com/s/l340q3tx90ai0hrszinztl12q3t2sjep>
   2. Example: <https://icap.sustainability.illinois.edu/files/projectupdate/5127/ALUFS005_VetMed_Parking_SWATRec.pdf>
   3. Letters of support and expert testimonies
2. Discuss results of Engagement Team Interest Form and Engagement Team Potential Recommendations
   1. Engagement Team Interest Form: <https://uofi.box.com/s/bsf4p26ufyg7p3s8cdn2hemr3bfum9ga>
   2. Engagement Team Potential Recommendations: <https://uofi.box.com/s/1id4oaw4pikf9z4tzz3lc2vnisqhbsvt>
   3. Meredith’s Recommendation: Chancellor/Provost updates
   4. Brainstorm team member initiatives
   5. Consider delegations

Meeting Notes:

* **Recommendation Drafting Process**:
  + Recommendation Template requirements: <https://uofi.box.com/s/l340q3tx90ai0hrszinztl12q3t2sjep> (relevant units, challenges, costs, timeline)
  + SWATeam role:
    - provide knowledge and input to ideate actions, programs, etc.
    - We don’t have authority to actually implement programs, send Massmail, etc., but we are able to stimulate action
    - Can be related to objectives or general “engagement”
  + Collaboration: opportunity to invite community members or experts invested in scope of recommendation to SWATeam meetings
  + Note: don’t shy away from being “overly ambitious”
* **Engagement Team Interests**
  + Most highly rated iCAP objective: Certified Green Office Program
  + Explore intersectionality between community organizations, registered student organizations, faculty, etc.
  + Proposed recommendations: <https://uofi.box.com/s/d5b4rddzrt7d28aaewtbq6o5i2w8gcmr>
    - **Surveys to gauge student and staff interpretation of sustainability outreach programs: Robert McKim**
      * Expand outreach for sustainability training (<https://mediaspace.illinois.edu/media/t/1_poty17ok>) and the corresponding survey, which asks for recommendations on enhancing campus sustainability
        + Sent out by Chancellor Jones
        + Low engagement thus far (mostly student responses)
        + Potential to modify questions, but utilize program as a launch point
        + Mandate training for students: enforcement through residential dorm advisors, degree requirement, etc.
    - **Spring semester design studio: Jie Hu**
      * Focusing on water management, permeable surfaces, walking and biking systems, use of outdoor space for events and class activities, cultural diversity as part of sustainable study
      * Hoping to make recommendations based on results
      * Progress will be reported come spring semester
    - **Supporting student organizations**
      * What systems already exist to do this?
        + Illinois Student Government

Plastic Bag Recycling: F&S provide infrastructure and ISG increase community engagement

* + - * How can we provide support?
        + Increasing number of students involved
        + Encourage classrooms to promote RSOs and community organizations
    - **Give Pulse Program: Kate Gardiner and Keilin Jahnke**
      * met with Kandace Turner (Associate Director of Public Engagement) who seems eager to integrate GivePulse campus-wide
    - **Communicate with Tony Manusco to discuss public relations and potential for promoting sustainability**
* **Current Collaboration Opportunities**
  + Illinois Student Government
    - To provide support for their engagement and outreach efforts
  + Education SWATeam (Eric Green)
    - To discuss degree accreditation recommendation and ENG 101 updates
  + Tony Manusco
    - To connect on current sustainability public engagement efforts

Action Items:

* Fill out when2meet for December meeting: <https://www.when2meet.com/?10306818-dsqz5>
* Give some thought to our current working objectives:
  1. New ways to support student environmental organizations.
  2. Using the "Sustainability training" that the Chancellor recently announced to the campus as a way to get feedback from students, staff, and faculty about their views on sustainability on our campus and to promote engagement with these issues.
     + One way we could help in this area is to identify groups (e.g. classes, student groups, student leaders freshmen, F & S staff, Resident Halls, etc) who could be urged/invited/required to take the training and to provide their opinions at the end.
  3. A recommendation about the use of Give Pulse.
  4. The use of routine and regular (quarterly) massmail by campus leaders at all levels in support of sustainability initiatives. (As Ann mentioned, we need to combine this proposal with a clear indication of what we want them to communicate.)
  5. We considered various ways to add course content re sustainability to the education of every student. Options mentioned included: a "Sustainability 101" in every field - Engineering Sustainability 101, Business Sustainability 101, Biology Sustainability 101, History Sustainability 101; one or more required sustainability gened courses as part of all curricula; a sustainability module added to various courses; "required training" of various sorts.
     + A representative from the Education SWATeam will be at our next meeting to answer any questions
  6. Our university could ensure that all professionally focused degree programs provide their students with an understanding of the consequences of climate change and of the goal of living sustainably, as these matters pertain to the profession in question. The U of I could also work towards steering accrediting agencies in the direction of requiring that all students in accredited programs develop an understanding of the consequences of climate change and of the goal of living sustainably.
  7. Sustainability book of the month. Possible partners: iSEE, student organizations, University Y, News Gazette, public libraries … (If a book a month is too ambitious, perhaps two books a term, e.g.?)