**Engagement Sustainability Working Advisory Team**

Date: February 1, 2021

Location: Zoom

Time: 1-2pm

*Attendees: Ann Witmer (co-chair), Robert McKim (co-chair), Alexa Smith (clerk), Sammy Yoo(staff), Dave Guth (staff), Fina Healy (student), Ximing Cai (iWG)*

*Absentees: Jie Hu (Faculty), Hiba Ahmed (student), Miranda Johnson (student), Meredith Moore (Sustainability Programs Coordinator), Morgan White (iWG), Kate Gardiner (staff), Keilin Tarum Jahnke (faculty)*

Agenda:

1. Collective SWATeam Updates
   1. <https://uofi.app.box.com/file/752439100944?s=oaknd7g1mj3id3vtbqiar0tpfribowsv>
2. Team Updates
   1. Updates from Ann’s sub-team (Hiba and Miranda)
   2. Updates from Kate and Keilin on GivePulse
3. Sustainability Education
   1. ISG recommendation: <https://uofi.box.com/s/kzfy0kc4q3f6aef2x0j3xtbl06vo1fl9>
   2. Collaborating with Student Affairs to include sustainability components into some of their already existing programs (New Student Programs, the various Freshman Seminars for each college, Inbound, Rise, etc.)
   3. Sustainability Scholars Program
4. Code of Conduct
   1. <https://www.ethics.uillinois.edu/compliance/university_code_of_conduct>
   2. Ethics and Compliance Office Barriers

Meeting Notes:

Updates from Ann’s sub-team

* + Hiba: currently working on outline of sustainability initiatives based on a paper by Ximing Cai
  + Miranda: investigated other Big 10 schools’ sustainability engagement
    - Meeting with Ann soon to identify how we can integrate successes of other universities into our own practices
  + Metrics on sustainability engagement
    - TIMES Higher Education Environmental Impact Ranking (<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/impactrankings#!/page/0/length/25/sort_by/rank/sort_order/asc/cols/undefined>) for universities
    - Where should we distribute and track this information?
      * Massmails are often neglected by students
      * ISEE website? ICAP Portal? Greener Events program?

Sustainability Education

* + ISG Gen-Ed requirement has passed through student Senate
    - How to support this initiative:
      * Support recommendation by Education SWATeam
      * Maintain contact with Jessica Nicolson (IWG) and attend public comment once the recommendation reaches Educational Policy committee

Sustainability Scholars Program

* + Modeled after James Scholar Program (where students request honors credit for particular courses to fulfill additional graduation requirements)
  + Peter Davis (student) is currently working on this, and has been in contact with the head of the James Scholar program
  + Fina will represent the Engagement team in our communication and support of this endeavor

Mandatory Sustainability Workshops and Other Student Engagement Opportunities

* + Gina Olukoya (Associate Dean of Students) is currently revamping student orientation programs
  + This restructuring has been difficult because individual colleges have taken responsibility for orientation
  + Current initiative is to standardize this across colleges and ultimately integrate sustainability into this universal orientation
  + More feasible next step is to work in collaboration with existing programs (ex. Inbound, Rise) to incorporate a sustainability component
  + ILC sustainability certificate
    - Clear certificate structure and potential opportunity to engage a wider audience beyond iSEE regulars

Code of Conduct (Meredith)

* + Ethics and Compliance Office, who is responsible for the Code, is closely tied with the state, so revision may not be possible
  + Contact them and see if the code can be changed
  + If so, we can move forward with a recommendation for integrating sustainability

Greener Events program

* + David is working with Illini Union Board execs to develop planning and assessment procedures for student led/focused events (iCAP Goal 7.2)
  + He is also serving as a liaison for NRES 285, being taught by Meredith and Eric this Spring

Action Items:

**For whole team:**

* **Attend public comment once ISG recommendation reaches Educational Policy committee (entire Engagement team)- date TBA**
* **Fill out when2meet for next meeting:** [**https://www.when2meet.com/?10909689-vcQou**](https://www.when2meet.com/?10909689-vcQou)

**For individual members:**

* **Meeting between Ann and Miranda on the evaluation of other universities’ sustainability engagement**
* **Work on sustainability framework (Hiba)**
* **Investigate TIMES Higher Education Impact**
* **Reach out to Peter Davis to drive forward Engagement team support of Sustainability Scholars program (Fina)**
* **Extend outreach to other existing freshman programs (Inbound, Rise) regarding student sustainability orientation (Sammy)**
* **Contact Ethics and Compliance Office to express our interest in revision of Code of Conduct (Meredith)**
* **Continue to enhance and promote Illini Union Greener Events program (David)**