Zero Waste SWATeam Meeting

Date: 3/12/21

Time: 4PM CDT

Attendees: Meredith Moore (iSEE), Tim Stark (co-chair & faculty), BK Sharma (co-chair & faculty), Yuanhui Zhang (faculty), Shantanu Pai (staff), Caitlin Aylmer (staff), Aaron Finder (staff), Leah Courtney (student), Maddy Liberman (student), Cassidy Steel (student), Jenna Schaefer (non-voting student), Nate Sun (non-voting student), Julija Sakutyte (clerk)

Agenda

* M. Liberman: NERC Recommendation
* T. Etchison: Reusable Dining Options Pilot
* A. Finder: Reusable Purchasing Operations
  + AF will draft a recommendation for Purchasing to transition to more sustainable operations in their order deliveries.
* C. Steel: Adopt-A-Highway
  + Can we make a recommendation that iSEE host their own event, which we help facilitate?
    - Could be recurring, for Earth month.
    - Could be “virtual” where participants are encouraged to clean up their local areas.
    - Campus areas will matter more to students.
    - Planning for the last week of Earth Month (April 26-30)
* C. Steel: Composting Program/Urban Canopy
  + Update?
  + Do you need support?
  + Are there alternatives?
  + Can we go a different direction with this local, closed-loop composting program idea?
* Roundtable Discussion
  + Removal of virgin paper from F&S stores/catalogues
  + Elimination of thermal paper receipts
  + Assessment of third-party vendors footprint (single-use plastics, recyclable materials, etc) in the Union.
  + Student Waste Management Educational initiative.
    - ML working to update waste management and recycling webpage.
  + Single-use plastics in vending machines.
  + Reuse of Surplus Goods
  + Battery Recycling
* CampusRace to Zero Waste
  + Update to RecycleMania
  + Tracking recyclables, trash, and food organics.