

## iWG Meeting 4/27/2021

**Attendees:** Ximing Cai, Morgan White, Qu Kim, John Dallesasse, Sandy Yoo, Marcus Jackson, Brian Bundren, Joey Kreiling, Meredith Moore

**Guest:** Maria Maring

1. Welcome
  - a. Introductions and welcome to Maria Maring, the new SSLC representative
2. iCAP Team Recommendations
  - a. [ZW002 Join NERC Government Recycling Demand Champions](#)
    - i. This recommendation likely involves the Purchasing Department or System-level Purchasing Office (perhaps via Brad Henson or Gloria Keely).
    - ii. We could join first as an advocate and then a champion.
    - iii. What is our role as a university and how do we support this program? We can invite the Zero Waste team to attend the next iWG meeting with specific points to help facilitate this discussion, and provide insight and understanding.
      - o Should also connect with Brad Henson at the Purchasing Office
    - iv. This needs a specific entity to take ownership and communicate the initiative to campus. We would be the first University to participate in this program; like our SmartWay affiliation, we would need a specific entity to oversee it.
    - v. Any local entity, organization, school, or college can join. How can we benefit from participation? What are our qualifications?
    - vi. iWG supports the effort but will reach out to iCAP Team with suggestions:
      - o Clarification needed if there are requirements or expectations to maintain our status.
      - o What is the purchasing component of membership?
      - o Would this go to the Purchasing Office to oversee the program?
    - vii. iWG can call for a meeting in the fall to discuss with the team and Purchasing Office
  - b. [ZW003 GreenerOffice Delivery Service Enrollment](#)
    - i. Is there a reason not to do this since this is no- or low-cost program?
      - o It is possible that it is early in the program and Office Depot is trying to understand if there is interest or demand.
    - ii. iCAP Team recommends that this be transmitted to the Purchasing Department, but we could start small and enroll as a small unit (iSEE, for example, to pilot the program).
    - iii. iWG recommends that iSEE pilot this program to understand what the program entails and what is involved in getting it started; SSC (via Sammy Yoo) could also participate and possibly the Illini Union Board as well.
      - o Meredith could work with Amy to help iSEE enroll and get started.
    - iv. Does the Purchasing Office have additional information, questions, or feedback?
    - v. Next step: Route assessment for iWG comments
  - c. [ZW004 Reusable Dining Containers Program](#)
    - i. Thurman Etchison and Mike Olinger from Dining are on the Zero Waste team and are in support of this program.

- ii. This is a pretty straightforward recommendation to Housing. Other campus entities (primarily within the Union) should be onboard as well.
  - iii. We would like Housing to start this program, track progress, and help spread awareness to other food service units around campus.
  - iv. How feasible/enforceable is this with external vendors?
  - v. iWG could recommend that the Illini Union talk with Housing and Bevier Café about reusable containers and lessons learned from using reusable containers, and seek to implement reusable containers at other places around campus.
  - vi. Could there be an option to purchase a reusable container (like a grocery store reusable bag) so that the program is self-supporting?
  - vii. Next steps: Invite Zero Waste team representatives to discuss this at the next meeting; Marcus will also invite Becky and Alma at the Union to join the May meeting
- d. [LW002 Vet Med Parking Re-Design](#)
- i. This is a recommendation that is similar to what was already submitted by the Land and Water iCAP Team; it is planned to be discussed at the Sustainability Council (by route of the sub-council) in the fall.
  - ii. This is a major budget impact. What is the design cost? This will be determined after understanding the construction costs.
  - iii. There might be some policy implications if the work is done pro-bono.
  - iv. There is not a clear decision from the campus about who all should be involved in appropriately improving and funding storm water infrastructure.
    - o Utilities Department at F&S is responsible for managing storm sewer pipe system and maintaining existing greywater pipes
    - o Grounds Department is responsible for maintaining the land.
    - o Users of the space – for example, a building that takes up green space or parking lot generates runoff of greywater; currently nobody feels responsible for covering the cost.
    - o Parking lot pavement is the responsibility of the Parking Department, but other pavement is under various groups on campus
  - v. On site, water flows from north to south; there is a drainage ditch on the southwest side of the parking lot. The runoff flows across to the Embarrass River.
  - vi. A quick square footage cost estimate could be determined to arrive at a potential design fee. We should get this before the fall Sustainability Council meeting.
  - vii. To improve stormwater infrastructure, the parking lot needs to be reconstructed.
  - viii. Next step: Morgan will reach out to Marty Paulins (Director of Parking) and Kelly Jo Hoffmann to provide a cost estimate for the construction in order to determine the design cost
    - o SSC could potentially fund the design
    - o This recommendation with the cost estimate will be brought to the Sub-Council meeting in fall 2021.

- e. [LW003 Certified Green Building Certification](#)
  - i. This is a time-intensive initiative. This would have to be a joint effort between iSEE and F&S but is a very large undertaking. They do not have the capacity to oversee the implementation of this type of program.
  - ii. Facility managers at different colleges should be involved; we could start with a small number of buildings and set up some examples for the future.
  - iii. Buildings currently can undergo a certification (like LEED O&M) but there is cost associated.
  - iv. How would this initiative interact with the ECIP and Green Office Program?
  - v. We should investigate existing options and certifications (e.g., US Green Building Council).
  - vi. Instead of a certification, we could focus on giving building awards. This is less of an administrative burden but still recognizes sustainable achievements.
  - vii. We need to address behavior change and personal commitments in addition to the physical aspects/infrastructure to improve sustainability holistically.
  - viii. There are currently too many programs in the works and efforts need to be spent on developing these programs (i.e., Green Labs) before launching this initiative.
  - ix. We will continue the discussion at the May meeting. Do other iWG members have comments?