iCAP Transportation Team

September Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 29th, 9:00 A.M.

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* **Introductions**
  + **Name**
  + **Newcomer or returning member?**
  + **What are you most excited about this year?**
  + **What is a fun fact about you?**
* **Meeting Objectives**
* **Dr. James Gallaher: The impact of remote and hybrid work on sustainability**
* There is a new website that went to campus this week which includes documents that the return-to-work committee has developed regarding returning to campus post covid. The guide contains tips and tools for working remotely.
* A major achievement of the committee was developing a policy of remote and hybrid work. The policy is expected to develop useful data on remote and hybrid schedules.
* **Questions and discussion for Dr. Gallaher**
* Morgan: we have had a few conversations about remote hybrid, but this is the first time we have had a speaker. My question: Has the University now accepted remote work as a general idea or is it going to be temporary?
  + Gallaher: Within the committee we have talked about ideas for space management, but we have not worked with any groups regarding it.
* Sarthak: Do you know how many people have chosen to work remotely or hybrid?
  + Gallaher: We will know, but we do not know at this time. We are keeping results of the remote/hybrid work form centralized but have not analyzed them yet.
* Sarthak: Do you have any ideas of how this could impact parking?
  + Gallaher: I had a call with parking 2-3 weeks ago regarding their approach to adjusting, but they don’t have much data to go on either. They put together a cost comparison that shows the various outcomes of parking on campus while remote/hybrid working. I will post a link to that in the chat.
* Could you talk about the student perspective, how will this affect future classes?
  + Gallaher: discussions like this are mostly in the provost office, but we did discuss classes. We sought to clarify that folks remain in the right place for students to get the full college experience that comes with being on a campus as big as Illinois. We want to put students first and do not want to negatively impact the student experience with remote/hybrid.
* Sarthak: We have created a seminar/demonstration to introduce staff members to MTD, can we include that as a related program?
* Gallaher: Yes, let’s have a call about this topic.
* **Review of Transportation Team Charge Letter**
* **Review of Transportation Team Objectives**
  + **3.1: Establish written replacement plans for at least 80% of campus fleets by FY24 to improve university-owned vehicle fuel efficiency**
* Sarthak: Ria and I worked with a student named Claire on this objective last year, however, she is no longer part of this team. We haven’t heard back from her recently about the current status, but she does have some information regarding that. The recommendation was to figure out the optimal method to see how many cars could be replaced with EVs or hybrids annually when Parking purchases new vehicles for the fleet.
  + **3.2: Increase the Pavement Condition Index (PCI) for university-owned roads so the average PCI score is at least 65 by FY25 and at least 70 by FY30.**
* Sarthak: Pavement condition index is ongoing, we haven’t had any funding for these pavement improvements in awhile and need to get funding if we are goin to advance this.
* Stacy: all of the money that was to be allocated for streets recently is supposed to go to maintenance. $8.6 million dollars in maintenance needed to be done 3 years ago.
* Ria: Can we write a recommendation detailing the importance of accelerating the goal for funding?
  + **3.3: Establish an EV Task Force to identify key goals for supporting the use of electric vehicles on and off campus by FY22.**
  + **3.4: Reduce driving on campus and report the percentage of staff trips made using single-occupancy vehicles from 60% to 50% by FY25 and 45% by FY30.**
* Sarthak’s commuter program will be a major project relating to this goal.
  + **3.5: Reduce net air travel emissions from FY14 baseline: 50% by FY24 and 100% by FY30.**
* **Discussion: iCAP Transportation Team Assessment**
* The entire team will contribute to the development of the iCAP Objectives Assessment on Box.
* **Discussion: iCAP Celebration**
* Gus will attend the iCAP Celebration and we will seek to get more students to attend.
* **Adjournment**