**Engagement Sustainability Working Advisory Team**

Date: October 25, 2021

Location: [https://illinois.zoom.us/j/8209331585?pwd=TFBLZGRlbzFUKzRKbXVtOEl2L1J5Zz09](https://www.google.com/url?q=https://illinois.zoom.us/j/8209331585?pwd%3DTFBLZGRlbzFUKzRKbXVtOEl2L1J5Zz09&sa=D&source=calendar&ust=1633898792739244&usg=AOvVaw0LWexP7us4XpVNsvr6Jpnz)

Time: 3-4 pm

*Attendees: Ann Witmer (co-chair), Shibu Kar (co-chair), Alexa Smith (student clerk), Maiah Caise (student), Dave Guth (staff), Colleen Kling (staff), Kathy Adams (staff), Sammy Yoo (staff), Sonali Kumar (student), Keilin Jahnke (faculty)*

*Absentees: , Jie Hu (faculty), Kavya Mula (student)*

Agenda:

1. **Housekeeping**
   1. Bi-weekly Monday meetings from 3-4pm?
2. **Recommendation Ideation** **Debrief** (20 minutes)
   1. Slides from last meeting (for reference): <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1UzEFfJsYAx8iUiBB7vYlRY-N8NUcBzWJgXPLNYVZzVU/edit#slide=id.gf1bd26470c_0_80>
   2. Themes Jamboard: <https://jamboard.google.com/d/13mQWKqXGncCWDC2zNmWkfYanZ1ziEmEsV0ywr6d3xfw/edit?usp=sharing>
      1. All team members contribute their thoughts based on reflection from the previous meeting to both slides
      2. Team members add a sticky note with their name to the particular theme that they are most interested in pursuing this semester
3. **Roundtable and Sub-Committee Assignment**
4. **Reminders** (5 minutes)
   1. Sammy—Youth Sustainability Summit Update
   2. Green Quad Day participants contact information: <https://uofi.box.com/s/qle7bt7dzjgc8eui7vd9ktaynypb7s19>
   3. Potential Visitors
      1. Morgan White--Recycling Signage
      2. Energy iCAP Team Students

Meeting Notes:

* **Jamboard of Themes to sustainability dis-engagement:**
  + <https://jamboard.google.com/d/13mQWKqXGncCWDC2zNmWkfYanZ1ziEmEsV0ywr6d3xfw/edit?usp=sharing>
* **Major Themes:**
  + Overarching Theme & Team Purpose: Overcoming Decentralization of Sustainability & Campus at Large
  + Theme 1: Awareness & Purpose
    - *Need for a common purpose/goal/definition of “sustainability”--proving that sustainability is valuable and relevant to EVERYONE*
  + Theme 2: Technology & Visibility
    - *Lack of awareness and visibility of the iCAP Portal, iSEE, and sustainability initiatives on campus*
  + Theme 3: Culture & Practicality
    - *Culture of Sustainability, making it a priority and expectation for all, embedding it into daily life.*
  + Theme 4: Connection & Relationships
    - *Building relationships between groups heavily involved in sustainability and those who are not*
* **Policy and Radical Change**
  + SY: Is our committee vying for too many low-hanging fruit? We need radical thoughts and action, and engaging with policy could help the campus take things more seriously.
    - For example, banning plastic water bottles on campus
  + DG: The main challenge to banning plastic bottles as a university policy is our contract with Coca-Cola
  + AW: Utilizing the leverage of our educational instructors could be a very effective and under-utilized way to move the needle
  + DG: Student activists need to push the dial and be more radical with their protests in order to gain the attention of campus administration
    - Students need to push for “unthinking American consumerism”
  + AW: Could start with a campus-wide teach-in with campus faculty, staff, community members
  + KA: Drawing upon the Champaign-Urbana community could be especially important!
* **Sustainability Gen-Ed Requirement**
  + SY: Update on this initiative
    - Although it was originally proposed as an additional general education requirement by the Illinois Student Government (ISG), the trajectory has taken to baking sustainability options into existing requirements
    - This shift was in response to the fact that students might need to take more credit hours
* **Additional Updates**
  + KA: In charge of the New Faculty Orientation, which includes a 10 minute sustainability segment! Could be behind initiatives related to faculty engagement.
  + SY: Youth Sustainability Summit & Sustainable World Network
    - Youth Sustainability Summit is not happening this semester
    - Sustainability World Network: <https://uofi.app.box.com/s/kyyja7yd65pjbuhwcqnxazqd1zcuefz5>
      * Led by Barbara Hug (faculty in the Education Department, overseeing future science teachers)
      * Program starting with Booker T. Washington Elementary School

Action Items:

* Fill out when2meet for next meeting: <https://www.when2meet.com/?13406192-D1MjQ>
* Make additions to [Jamboard](https://jamboard.google.com/d/13mQWKqXGncCWDC2zNmWkfYanZ1ziEmEsV0ywr6d3xfw/edit?usp=sharing) utilized for this week’s meeting as you see fit
* Consider which engagement theme/subcommittee you would like to work on!