**iWG Assessment**

**iCAP Team Recommendation Ref #:** ZW004 Reusable Dining Containers Program

**Date of iWG Assessment Started:** 4/27/21 **Assessment Transmitted: 1/18/22**

**iWG Recommendation:** We recommend that Beckman implement the option for reusable containers, as was done at Bevier Hall and University Dining.

**iWG Routing Direction (*department name, iCAP Team, or Council*):** Beckman Institute c/o Rob Fritz

Individual comments from each iWG member:

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| iWG Member Name | iWG Member’s Comments |
| Ximing Cai(iSEE) | I support this recommendation and suggest Beckman Café to talk to University Dining for the implementation. |
| Morgan White(F&S) | This recommendation is an important step in the shift to a circular economy and to achieve our Zero Waste goals for campus. |
| Marcus Jackson (Representing Auxiliaries)  | I support this recommendation pending review with other dining units. |
| Brian Bundren (Provost Office) | I support this recommendation. As others have noted, this needs to be done in coordination with all relevant stakeholders. |
| John Dallesasse(Academic Senate) | I support this recommendation.  |
| Sandy Yoo (System Office) | UOCP supports this recommendation. Like Qu, efficiencies may exist between units already using reusable containers. This may help facilitate a commitment. |
| Qu H. Kim (Representing College Facilities) | I support the recommendation. The team needs to ensure that dining and housing and, Illini Union, and other units (one with cafes), which could be affected their logistics and finances by this initiative, are on board with the initiative to be successful. |
| Derek Fultz (Representing College Facilities)  | I support this recommendation.  |
| Caitlin Bloomer (Student Sustainability Committee) | I support this recommendation and hope this can serve as a template for other on-campus dining units to follow suit.  |
| Owen Jennings/Maria Maring (Student Sustainability Leadership Council) | I support this recommendation. This seems like a necessary move towards making dining halls on this campus more sustainable, hopefully we can use this as a model for implementation of sustainable practices at other dining halls across campus! |
| Alexandra Gergova (ISG Committee on Environmental Sustainability)  | I wholeheartedly support this recommendation because this has been something students have been advocating for quite some time now! This also has the potential to become a standard for other dining units.  |

**Original SWATeam Recommendation:**

Where possible and applicable, campus restaurants and foodservices should adopt the use of a reusable containers instead of disposable or compostable containers for take-out food. At a minimum, this should become an option for customers.

**iWG Assessment of budget and policy impacts (*check one*):**

 **X**  moderate budget and/or policy impact OR \_\_\_\_ major budget and/or policy implications

**iWG Routing Need (*check one*):**

\_\_\_\_\_ more detailed study OR  **X** transmit recommendation OR \_\_\_\_\_ forward to Sustainability Council