

Zero Waste iCAP Meeting 10/5 at 4:00PM

Attendees:

Joe Bradley, Thurman Etchison, Jennifer Fraterrigo, Nishant Garg, Daphne Hulse, Shreya Mahajan, Meredith Moore, Nikki Palella, Jenna Schaefer

Review of Campus Sustainability Celebration Slides:

- Jen suggests we add a covid section on our graph to account for the dips during those years
- Challenges slide: Misconception about how F&S sorts waste (they only sort through the clear bags, blue bags go straight to recycling)
 - We can add the importance of distribution of bluebags across campus
- Add that F&S funded Grind2Energy at LAR

Associated action items: Ask Justin if he wants to present on reusable container slides (Nikki), anyone is free to join us in presenting!

Athletics ThinkTank:

- Justin's Updates: He got in touch with Madison, the facilitator from the [SAAC](#)
 - Hendrick House: athletes shared that they take home 2 styrofoam containers a day, chef expressed he wants a pilot program for reusable containers
- Claire from Engagement is working on a recommendation to get Illinois Athletics to join the [Green Sports Alliance \(GSA\)](#)
 - Potential recommendation: fund a sustainability staff member/liaison to work with the DIA
- Jen has been communicating with athletic board chair
 - She plans to coordinate a meeting with members of the DIA and the chair of the athletic board to figure out how they can communicate and work together going forward

Associated action items: consider avenues we can take to connect with the DIA to implement Zero Waste initiatives (Everyone)

Reusable Containers Data Recommendation:

- Asking individuals if they use containers actually slows down Dining's processes significantly
- Potential tablet using a basic app asking 'yes or no'
 - Possibilities to incentivize food waste reduction with a prize, it's possible that challenges/competitions could be created

- Its is difficult to change students behavior because there is a disconnect between the energy put into their food and the amount that is wasted
- Education proves to be an important component in this issue
 - Team up with [Education team](#)?

Associated action items: start thinking about behavior change campaigns pertaining to food waste in dining halls, consider conducting further studies on students' views on food waste, potentially reduce the size of all plates, research other institutions and universities that have had successful programs (Everyone), reach out to Asli to see if the Education team would be interested in helping with food waste issues on campus (Nikki)