

Zero Waste iCAP Meeting 3/10/23

Attendees: Dominika Szal, Shreya Mahajan, Jenna Schaefer, Justin Holding, Daphne Hulse, Thurman Etchison

Tailgate Recommendation Announcements

- Please leave your individual comments on the recommendation before the next iWG meeting, preferably by the end of spring break
- The recommendation includes a basic recycling program supported by roll off pans and blue bags
- The objective is to start simple and once established, expand the program
 - Ex) Add golf carts, separate bag for glass recyclables, etc

Associated Action Item: Leave individual comment on the recommendation before we submit

Grind2Energy + Composting Conversation

- Shreya wants to open a discussion about the potential expansion of grind2energy at university buildings or to adopt a large scale composting system
- Thurman would love to see a mobile program, where a truck can pick up food and drop off at a composting station in order to support a campus wide system
- Jenna doesn't see the point in putting together an entire compost program if there are already grind2energy installations on campus and somewhat of a system in place to build on
- She mentions that iSEE has money from an SSC grant to place compost tumblers
 - It's good to have a couple of them around campus for the more motivated and interested individuals
- However, for this small scale effort, we need to acquire contacts at specific buildings to take on the construction and oversight of tumblers
 - It also needs to be approved by architectural review committee
- There have been issues in the past with not being able to find people that will pick up the compost from the tumblers
- Daphne shares that two students are working on a research project and are applying to SSC for funding. They are working towards a solution to food contamination in recycling bins
 - Anyone is welcome to come to the upcoming meetings with these students (Sakshi Vaya and Hannah Kim)
- Recently, a feasibility study on a micro anaerobic digester at the farms was done, the findings of the study will be discussed at an upcoming meeting soon

General Updates

- Justin is continuing to meet with SAAC to create a sustainability position for them

- He is also designing a survey for the student athletes to get their feedback on reusable containers– if they would be willing to wash and reuse it
 - Topics they pull from the survey are what the new SAAC position will work on
 - Any questions to contribute to the survey? Send them to Justin

Associated Action Items: Reach out to Justin if you had a question in mind for the student athlete survey, consider any final zero waste projects for the last iWG meeting on April 17th