

# Meeting Minutes

## iCAP Zero-Waste Team

### Oct 9, 2023

Attendees: Daphne Hulse, Olivia Pazerunas, Thurman Etchison, Tim Knox, Aaron Finder, Joy Scrogum, Jenna Schaefer, Shreya Mahajan, Sakshi Vaya

#### Introductions:

- Daphne: Zero waste coordinator at F&S, has been working with iCAP for about a year, and currently serves as the chair of this team.
- Thurman: Assistant Director with Housing & Dining Services. Wants to reduce waste on campus.
- Tim: Assistant Athletic Director.
- Aaron: Assistant Director at Purchasing & Contracts Management Office.
- Joy: Assistant Sustainability Research Scientist at Illinois Sustainable Technologies Center (Prairie Research Institute). Technical assistance, works with pollution prevention.
  - Building waste characterization study coming up Oct. 23
- Jenna: Grad student in Environmental & Resource Economics, Campus Sustainability Programs Coordinator at iSEE. Interests in waste reduction.
- Shreya: Senior in CEE. Former ZW Co-Chair.
- Sakshi: ZW Intern, Senior in Environmental Sustainability

#### Box

- Keeping a shared folder for all meeting minutes, recordings, and important documents.
- Current folder: "iCAP Zero Waste Team" -> AY 2023-2024

#### iCAP Objectives Review (2020)

- Sustainable procurement
- ZW Events (athletics)
- Excess item allocation
- Campus outreach and communication
- Diversion of food scraps/composting. Data tracking and cost/benefit analysis
- Increase waste bin locations, improve existing ones
- Recycling programs
- More drinking fountains, and decrease single use plastics
- Green Clean Program

#### CHARGE Letter (located in Box)

- New facility standard for hydration stations
  - Daphne will reach out to Mike Stigler

- Incentivize reusable cups/mugs
  - Joy: Separate paper and plastics when taking waste stream data
- Sustainable vendor contract policy, Sustainable Purchasing Guide, Sustainable Electronics Purchasing Program
  - Aaron: Challenges with this objectives, will review report
    - STARS report outline uploaded to Box
- Tailgate Recycling:
  - Daphne: 1000lb waste diversion at first tailgate. Need more volunteers and collection data. Next event on 11/11/23. Green rolloff used for collection.
- Residence Hall waste reduction
  - Joy: F&S Bin inventory, Allen and LAR will be included in the next waste audit. Only considers the 3 stream bins. Residence halls not included in 3 stream bin allocation
  - Sakshi and Daphne have a residence hall contact and looking into recycling situation (Mark)
  - Joy: Involve residential life to convey messaging
    - Thurman: F&S Housing Marketing team can do this as well.
- Green Cleaning Program
  - Daphne: F&S Pilot Program. Testing more eco-friendly products. Looking to expand campuswide. Status update on iCAP portal.

### **Portal Projects (Need Updates)**

- ZW Woodshop: Divert waste materials from woodshop projects (School of Architecture). Got SSC funding in 2018, stopped after that.
  - Contact: Lowell Miller (Primary), Austin Johnson (Project Leader)
- Corncrete: Research how ag waste can be used for buildings. SSC funded. Last updated in 2022, project was left incomplete.
  - Contact: Mark Taylor (Primary/Project Leader)
- Food Literacy Project: Track carbon, nitrogen, and water footprints in campus dining halls. Last updated in 2021
  - Thurman: Daunting because we use so many different foods. External company with commercial food information. Menu management dietitian worked with them. Will follow up on this project.
  - Contact: Thurman Etchison

### **Closing Comments:**

- Olivia: EOY Report? Will be sending out follow up email with polling for next meeting

### **Action Items:**

- Contact Mike Stigler about existing standards for facility hydration systems (Daphne)

- Reach out to F&S Marketing team to involve Residence Life in creating trash/recycling room infographics for University Housing (Thurman)
- Review STARS Report Outline (All Members)
- Update Green Cleaning Program on iCAP Portal.
- Check status on Food Literacy Project and potential contacts (Thurman)
- Contact ZW Woodshop and Corncrete leaders for updates.
- Set a November meeting date. Members fill out poll.