**SWATeam Recommendation**

Name of SWATeam: Zero Waste

SWATeam chair(s): Tim Stark Date submitted to iWG: April 8, 2022

Recommendation title: Composting Committee Recommendation

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Specific actions/policy recommendation: The team recommends that a committee of campus and community stakeholders be created to share knowledge related to composting on campus and work together to further expand composting at a large scale. The committee will convene approximately once each month, and will consist of faculty members doing research tangential to food waste, student organizations interested in the cause, community groups activating composting, etc. (list of potential members amended to this recommendation).

Suggested unit/department to address implementation: iSEE

Rationale for recommendation: Many individuals and groups across campus are interested in expanding composting, but it is a large endeavor to tackle. By erecting this committee to facilitate conversations between different stakeholder groups on campus, our team believes that we can use our collective efforts to accelerate progress related to this facet of campus sustainability. In working together, we can avoid repetitive efforts and share challenges to avoid and solutions to overcome them. Enacting this group could also increase awareness of food waste reduction on campus and introduce the subject to campus representatives who might otherwise be unaware of this issue.

Connection to iCAP goals: 5.5 Develop a detailed comprehensive plan including implementation and operational costs/benefits to sustainably dispose of all food scraps and other organics by FY24, and fully implement the plan by FY33.

Perceived challenges: Due to the decentralized nature of the university, it may be challenging to identify and engage a sufficient number of members working on their own respective composting projects.

Anticipated timeline of implementation: Fall 2022

Anticipated budget (identify if cost is up-front or continuous): No anticipated budget needed for the inception of this committee. SSC funding might be useful for initiatives arising from this committee.

Individual comments are required from each SWATeam member (one or two sentences):

| Team Member Name | Team Member’s Comments |
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| Tim Stark | I support this recommendation because campus and community collaboration will reduce costs and increase composting. |
| Jenna Schaefer | I support this recommendation. Hopefully working together will help to accelerate composting on campus! |
| Sydney Trimble | I support this recommendation because it will centralize food waste reduction efforts and make them more efficient. |
| Avery Maloto | I support this recommendation! |
| Aaron Finder | I support this recommendation. |
| Alexa Smith | I fully support this recommendation as a way to accelerate composting solutions on campus and decrease redundancy. |

Further explanation and background (can be supplied in an attachment):

List of Recommended Composting Committee Members: <https://uofi.app.box.com/file/916904943135>

Comments from consultation group (if any; these can be anonymous):