**Engagement Sustainability Working Advisory Team**

Date: December 10, 2020

Location: Zoom

Time: 1 to 2 pm

*Attendees: Ann Witmer (co-chair), Robert McKim (co-chair), Alexa Smith (clerk), Jie Hu (Faculty), Sammy Yoo (staff), Meredith Moore (Sustainability Programs Coordinator), Kate Gardiner (staff), Keilin Tarum Jahnke (faculty), Dave Guth (staff), Miranda Johnson (student), Hiba Ahmed (student),*

*Absentees: Fina Healy (student)*

Agenda:

1. Discuss Sub-team 1 Recommendation Mock-up:
   1. Creating a roadmap of current sustainability-related conditions and attitudes to better encourage student and faculty engagement in iCAP-identified initiatives.
   2. Members: Ann Witmer, Hiba Ahmed, Miranda Johnson, Jie Hu
2. Discuss Sub-team 2 Recommendation Mock-up:
   1. Investigating alternatives to first-year sustainability education (I.e. college 100-level sustainability module, mandatory sustainability training, sustainability general education requirement, etc.)
      1. 101/Gen-ed requirement: <https://uofi.box.com/s/s9iqc19tosc8ss9ish95uepfycqzufe3>
      2. New hire sustainability training: <https://uofi.box.com/s/hp3k74v42joypbu72p02n6cyerfw36i1>
      3. Freshman orientation sustainability training: <https://uofi.box.com/s/yree2v4fhuh93m2j9wkxtiy2o87f3n4q>
         1. Student member input: Hiba and Fina
         2. Energy Efficiency in residence halls
         3. <https://www.nap.edu/catalog/25821/strengthening-sustainability-programs-and-curricula-at-the-undergraduate-and-graduate-levels>
   2. Education Team progress update
   3. Members: Robert McKim, Sammy Yoo
3. Cross-team Updates
   1. Zero-waste SWATeam:
      1. Initiative to create shadow-boxes above recycling bins in the Union and recruit local artists to illustrate how to properly sort
      2. Discussion of a centralized location for environmental RSOs (Meredith)
      3. Food Literacy Project
      4. Adopt a Highway program
         1. Potential collaboration with our GivePulse initiative
   2. Energy SWATeam
      1. Engaging and nudging students to promote energy efficiency in Res Halls
      2. Engaging researchers in sustainable lab actions and initiatives.
   3. Transportation SWATeam
      1. EV Task Force is seeking members with experience and interest in increasing EV fleet on campus
         1. Reach out to [julijas2@illinois.edu](mailto:julijas2@illinois.edu) if interested
4. Delegation of previously discussed recommendations
   1. GivePulse Program
      1. Kate and Keilien update
   2. Illini Union Green Events
      1. Newsletter update?
   3. Greener Campus Program
   4. Green Sports Alliance
   5. Youth Sustainability Summit

Meeting Notes:

* Ann’s Subteam:
  + Objective: Outline sustainability infrastructure of university in regards to sustainability and identify pain points and areas of importance
  + Miranda: looking into **other universities** with green certifications and resources for engagement
    - University of California, Irvine: <https://sustainability.uci.edu/studentinvolvement/src/>
  + Hiba: researching **campus sustainability history; create database** of our history in sustainability and where our team fits in
* Robert’s Subteam:
  + 1) Pushing through Gen-ed/101 requirement
    - Currently being addressed by ISG and Education SWATeam
    - **Engagement Team Letter of Support**
      * **Examples of schools that have implemented this (listed on recommendation)**
      * **Contact Faculty Summit for Encouragement**
        + **Educational Policy Members:** [**https://uofi.app.box.com/v/EducationalPolicy/file/711831585896**](https://uofi.app.box.com/v/EducationalPolicy/file/711831585896)
  + 2) Mandatory sustainability training for new employees
    - New employee orientation: **Kathy Adams**
    - Mandatory for certain groups of employees
  + 3) Mandatory new student sustainability training
    - Mandatory for freshman, transfer and graduate students
    - Proposed timeline of Fall 2021
    - Maintain structure of current sustainability training:
      * 1) General climate change knowledge
      * 2) University climate change initiatives
      * 3) Invitation for trainees to get involved with sustainability on campus
      * **Seeking input on additional course content requests**
    - Connect with organizers of new student orientation
      * Each college and entity in charge needs to be approached
      * Consider using one college as a pilot
      * **Next step: Reaching out to stakeholders and contacts** 
        + **Contact Student Affairs:** [**https://newstudent.illinois.edu/programs/required/**](https://newstudent.illinois.edu/programs/required/)
        + **Sammy: discussion with colleague on implementation and potential SSC involvement**
* Give Pulse:
  + Set up a group on GivePulse for iSEE (subgroup under UIUC Account)
  + **Working on accumulating events**
    - CU Farms Mobile Market Project: <https://www.fourosprey.org/mobile-market>
      * Looking for support quite quickly
    - Events for Red Oak Rain Garden
* Green Events Program:
  + Now advertised on iSEE website under Greener Campus Programs
  + New students on IU Board eager to drive forward progress

Moving Forward:

* **Investigation of other universities’ sustainability engagement (Miranda)**
* **Research on campus sustainability history, pain points and future avenues for engagement team (Hiba)**
* **Engagement Team Letter of Support on Gen-Ed/101 Recommendation (Robert sub-team: Robert, Sammy, Dave)**
  + **Examples of schools that have implemented this**
  + **Contact Faculty Summit for extra support**
    - **Educational Policy Members:** [**https://uofi.app.box.com/v/EducationalPolicy/file/711831585896**](https://uofi.app.box.com/v/EducationalPolicy/file/711831585896)
* **Contact Kathy Adams regarding New Faculty Orientation (Robert sub-team: Robert, Sammy, Dave)**
* **Provide input for ideas on new student sustainability training content (all members welcome to contribute)**
* **Contact Student Affairs regarding new student sustainability training (Robert sub-team: Robert, Sammy, Dave):** [**https://newstudent.illinois.edu/programs/required/**](https://newstudent.illinois.edu/programs/required/)
* **Discussion on new student orientation with Gina on implementation and potential SSC involvement (Sammy)**
* **Accumulating events and making progress on GivePulse Program (Kate and Keilin)**
* **Continuing to enhance Green Events Program (Dave)**