Zero Waste SWATeam Meeting

Date: 3/26/21

Time: 4PM CDT

Attendees: Ximing Cai (iSEE), BK Sharma (co-chair & Faculty), Yuanhui Zhang (Faculty), Thurman Etchison (Staff), Aaron Finder (Staff), Leah Courtney (Student), Maddy Liberman (Student), Jenna Schaefer (non-voting student), Julija Sakutyte (clerk)

Agenda

* M. Liberman: NERC Recommendation
  + Discussion of upcoming 4/2 deadline
  + Modification to timeline.
  + Comments requested from team members
* T. Etchison: Reusable Dining Options Recommendation
  + Discussion of upcoming 4/2 deadline
  + Comments requested from team members
* M. Liberman: Office Depot Greener Office Recommendation
  + Discussion of upcoming 4/2 deadline
  + Revision of perceived challenges.
  + Comments requested from team members
* C. Aylmer: Third Party Vendor Assessment Recommendation
  + Not discussed.
* Roundtable discussion
  + Elimination of thermal paper receipts
  + Education of waste management to students
  + Single Use Plastics in Vending Machines
  + Mitigating single-serve options in Union
    - C. Aylmer offered to assist.
    - iSEE ZW intern could also assist.
  + Reuse of Surplus Goods
  + Sustainability Digital Booklet Review
    - Follow up: Workshops/engagement opportunities for vendors to show how to utilize sustainability options through their interface.
  + Purchasing Sustainability Report
    - Exploring plans to implement a sustainability report.
    - Now, there is work going into determining how to systematically implement an assessment framework of purchasing sustainability.
  + Battery Recycling