**Zero Waste Sustainability Working Advisory Team**

Date: Wednesday, November 3

Location: <https://illinois.zoom.us/j/85632688020?pwd=MEh1djh5RW5QYzhZa3pRU3lIT0lDUT09>

Time: 1-2 pm

*Attendees: Tim Stark (faculty), Alexa Smith (student), Sarah Shoaff (student), Jenna Schaefer (student)*

*Absentees: Clara Bosak-Schroeder (faculty), Avery Maloto (staff), Mike Olinger (staff), Aaron Finder (staff), Sydney Trimble (student), Yuanhui Zhang (faculty), Shawn Patterson (staff), Tim Knox (staff)*

Agenda:

1. **Recap of last meeting’s themes (5 minutes)**
   1. <https://uofi.app.box.com/services/box_for_office_online/4881/880020221595/ba1249.b410a242fb089ca592befbecb6b8b36e90cec5fa2740927750eb9843e3c54f2b?node_type=file>
   2. Waste Streams of Top Concern:
      1. Food Waste
      2. Plastic Bags and Packaging
      3. Food and Beverage Packaging
      4. Nicotine Products
   3. Solution Themes:
      1. Freshman student orientation
      2. Staff and faculty training
      3. Education on recycling outside of university facilities
         1. Coffee shops
         2. Apartment complexes
      4. Education on what exactly can be recycled
         1. Signage
         2. Increasing transparency between UIUC Community and Waste Transfer Station
      5. SURVEYS
         1. On why people choose to recycle or not, purchase single use or not, etc.
2. **Review of Google Form Responses (5 minutes)**
   1. Top Recommendations
      1. Water Bottle Campaign
      2. Reduce Food Waste
      3. Reusable Coffee Cups
      4. Recycling Signage
3. **Moving forward with sub-teams (5 minutes)**
   1. **POLL:** Would we like to have formal sub-teams working on specific areas of waste or continue with full team ideation with voluntary work on developing these recommendations outside of meetings?
4. **Roundtable on Some of Our Proposed Recommendations (45 minutes)**
   1. Plastic Water Bottle Campaign
   2. Surveys
   3. Food Waste/Clean Plate Initiative
   4. Reusable Coffee Cups
   5. Recycling Signage
   6. Resident Advisor Training
   7. Sustainable Receipt Options
   8. P-Card Training
   9. Recycling Behavior off-campus, etc.

Meeting Notes:

* **Team Strategy & Logistics**
  + This semester, we would like to complete the water bottle campaign recommendation as a team, and next semester we can divide into sub-teams next semester based on several recommendations that we will choose to prioritize
* **Drinking water behavior change campaign**
  + *Potential Pathways: taste-test competition, create and disseminate video series, report money savings for utilizing reusable options rather than single-use*
  + *Stakeholders: Likely Facilities and Services (F&S), but whoever is in charge of managing drinking fountains would be responsible for taking on this initiative*
  + Next steps:
    - **Survey**
      * JS: This would be very helpful to help us to accurately target our messaging for the campaign (I.e. making sure that our campaign is actually targeting pain points and proper demographics)
    - **Educational Materials on Drinking Water Quality**
      * SS: I will get into contact with professors who may be willing to help out with a water quality messaging campaign
        + Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences (NRES), Civil and Environmental Engineering (CEE), Prairie Research Institute (PRI)
    - **Research Needs**
      * Syd: Team would like to request data on the number of filtered water stations on campus
      * Aaron: Team would like to request data on the number of vending machines and vending machine sales that might be pertinent to this recommendation
        + Question: Are contractural issues with Coca-Cola a hard defense against banning plastic bottles on campus?
        + JS: I have a friend at Vanderbilt who has said that there are absolutely no plastic water bottles on campus.
      * Resources provided by CBS regarding initiatives of other universities:
        + <https://www.vanderbilt.edu/sustainability/2019/08/university-eliminates-single-use-plastic-water-and-soda-bottles-in-operations-on-campus/>
        + <https://www.augsburg.edu/green/2018/02/15/efforts-by-other-institutions-to-reduce-bottled-water/>
        + <https://eric.ed.gov/?id=EJ1196481>
    - **Recommendation Proposals**
      * JS: We could move vending machines to be next to water filter stations, as is the case at the ARC.

Action Items:

* Fill out when2meet for our next meeting: <https://www.when2meet.com/?13515965-77Yuk>