**Zero Waste Sustainability Working Advisory Team**

Date: February 21, 2022

Time: 1-2pm

*Attendees: Jennifer Fraterrigo (Interim Director), Tim Stark (faculty), Alexa Smith (student), Sydney Trimble (student), Aaron Finder (staff)*

*Absentees: Clara Bosak-Schroeder (faculty), Shawn Patterson (staff), Jenna Schaefer (student), Tim Knox (staff), Sarah Shoaff (student), Mike Olinger (staff), Avery Maloto (staff), Yuanhui Zhang (faculty)*

Agenda:

1. **Current Recommendation Assignment Sheet**
   1. SWATeam Current Status (Rolling): <https://uofi.app.box.com/file/752439100944?s=oaknd7g1mj3id3vtbqiar0tpfribowsv>
   2. Current Recommendation Assignments (Rolling): <https://uofi.app.box.com/integrations/officeonline/openOfficeOnline?fileId=910108461755&sharedAccessCode=>
2. **Composting Committee Update**
3. **Adopt-a-Highway Update**
4. **Plastics Reduction**
   1. Recommendation: <https://uofi.box.com/s/xdck14phgvd6j8f9d76dpzt4yl14h0o2>
   2. Aaron’s Vending Machine Data: [**https://uofi.box.com/s/x1ebabjhq9socv0xg1ohj6ior0k5xypr**](https://uofi.box.com/s/x1ebabjhq9socv0xg1ohj6ior0k5xypr)

Meeting Notes:

* **Plastics Reduction**
  + Recommendation Draft: <https://uofi.app.box.com/integrations/officeonline/openOfficeOnline?fileId=921757641497&sharedAccessCode=>
  + JF: In preparation for the iWG meeting, we should identify areas to focus efforts for plastic reduction
    - ZW team should compile resources based upon research we have conducted as a committee
    - Moving beyond the drinking fountains recommendation would be great.
    - Does not need to be a full recommendation
  + TS: Aaron showed us the number of plastic water bottles from vending machines, which verify that this is a pertinent issue to address
    - Plus, aluminum and glass markets are profitable
  + ST: Reservations about including glass in vending machines because this material is not recyclable by the university
  + JF: Be sure to include **data** in recommendations
  + TS: Recommendation should focus on replacing plastic with aluminum
  + Data to be included in recommendation:
    - JF: Meredith shared a resource of coalitions of universities trying to reduce plastics, similar to AICHE Stars. This should be included in the recommendation
    - Plastics 1 & 2 presence in Waste Sort Study—mostly beverage containers within this category. Be sure to use at least 1 year pre-pandemic data.
    - Vending Machine Quantity Data: <https://uofi.app.box.com/file/882969603492>
    - Conversation about barriers to plastic bottle waste sort data: <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/FMfcgzGmvBpdjhSDdRjnxxhzFrgsCGjw>
  + AF: We need to get stakeholders together on this initiative to identify potential issues within the program
    - Resoliciting the project will likely take about 6 months to 1 year—and the 5 year contract is up in 2025
    - Exclusive relationship with Coca-Cola is really important for athletics department
  + JF: Aaron, if you could include a memo with a recorded history of this contract and pertinent information, that would be great.
  + AF: Justin Hayes is someone we need to talk to at the Illini Union. He has managed the Coca-Cola contract at the Union for years
  + AF: How many vendors purchase plastic a few years ago versus today?
* **Composting Committee**
* **Adopt-a-Highway Program**

Action Items:

* Fill out [when2meet](https://www.when2meet.com/?14695293-nvb5z) to schedule next meeting
* ST: Collect data on:
  + How many vendors purchase plastic a few years ago versus today?
* AF: Write a memo to attach to recommendation draft for plastic reduction