**November ZW Meeting**

**11/6/2023**

**Attendees:** Daphne Hulse, Olivia Pazerunas, Aaron Finder, Thurman Etchison, Dominika Szal, Jenna Schaefer, Joy Scrogum, Pete Varney, Sakshi Vaya, Tim Knox

1. **Call To Order**
2. **Brief Box Folder Summary**
3. **Status of Action Items**

* F&S Trash and Recycling Status
  + Goal: Get campus housing to implement the color-coded bag system (purchase/procureme and increase awareness with students.
* Review of STARS Report
  + Electronic purchasing system exists, but is not being tracked. Limitations with iBuy across the UI System.
    - Potential Recommendation: UI System/UIUC join Sustainable Purchasing Leadership Council
* Green Cleaning Program
  + Piloting ISSA program. New vendor will help us acquire greener products. In house green cleaning training program is in the works.
* Food Literacy Project
  + Small scale could be a starting point, but formerly discussed software is not possible at this time. Group agrees that this should be put on hold.
* ZW Woodshop and Corncrete
  + Changes are being made to the ZW Woodshop grant. Corncrete applied for SSC scope-change. Both projects are ongoing.
* Green Sports Alliance
  + UIUC membership is currently being renewed. We hope to observe what other universities/organizations are doing. Implement eco-products at events and in locker rooms.
* Academics Curriculum Group Discussion
  + Group has put fourth interest in the creation of either an introductory class or seminar for students to learn more. Some suggested tours of the waste transfer station, either virtually or in-person. Mass mail outreach was also mentioned. Set courses (non-mandatory?) can help us achieve STARS points.
    - Create a group in the Illinois app (relay this to education/engagement teams)
    - Jenna suggested having an upperclassmen speaker event at other entry level classes focused on sustainability (ex: LAS). Other [Big10](https://sustainability.umd.edu/advisors#:~:text=For%20the%20past%2015%20years,on%20average%20each%20Fall%20semester) schools have done this.
* Volunteer ZW programs (Focus Area)
  + Gain more volunteers for tailgating/basketball recycling events. We discussed collaborating with iSEE and Engagement iCAP team, service organization, and interest groups in high schools.
* Hydration Station improvement (group meeting with Mike Stilger 11/6)
* Spring Goals: Sustainable procurement, enhance event venue waste systems (more recycling in the stands)

Action Items: Discuss recycling sorting with Chris from F&S (**Thurman**), Post sustainable procurement document in Box (**Daphne**), Convey comments on student outreach to engagement and education teams (**Olivia**), Inquire about Coca-Cola plastics buy-back (**Daphne**), Set up a meeting with engagement iCAP team to discuss potential collaboration (early December or late January – **Olivia**), Review and add comments to EPP document (**All members**)