

iCAP Working Group

July 9, 2015

Room 358 NSRC

1:30

Present: Kevin Duff, Morgan Johnston, Ben McCall, Lowa Mwilambwe, Jess Tang

1. **Review of Council Meeting/Status of iCAP Approval** - The Sustainability Council meeting went very well with lots of good discussion. There were not too many serious objections to the iCAP. They would like to see financial information, such as cost-benefit analysis on projects. This information will be included in the study for accelerating our carbon neutrality date. The cover letter from the Chancellor affirming our commitment will include language about the current fiscal climate in Illinois. The Chancellor was keen to be able to reach carbon neutrality by 2035. Other concerns were in regard to the net zero space item and they suggested a space audit be included in the iCAP.
2. Review of Recommendations and Responses
 - a. **Wind Power Purchase Agreement** – there is some confusion regarding the pricing from vendors. Some of the respondents are in the MISO region and some are PJM. There are many different options and subtleties. We are slowly getting closer to an answer.
 - b. **TEM/DMI data** – a recommendation was sent to Sr. Associate Vice President Mike Bass on May 4 for improved capture of sustainability metrics in the TEM system. This recommendation and the one for a sustainable purchasing coordinator have recently been assigned to someone who can act on them.
 - c. **Parking Survey** – a recommendation was sent to the Director of Parking on May 4 to develop a survey related to alternative parking options. The Parking Department responded that they would review the issue upon completion of their Master Planning process estimated to be in February 2016.
 - d. **Sustainable Transportation Coordinator** – F&S is in the process of establishing a visiting position (1 year). For the long term, continuing the position depends on the overall campus budget. Their funding request included money for bicycles, maintenance, education, etc. They are trying to get a recurring budget for bikes.
 - e. **Fleet Study** – iSEE to commission a study. We need to keep in mind that some units pay a monthly fee to F&S for departmental vehicles while other units like Housing and PRI have their own vehicles. Might there be a possibility of getting an EPA grant for replacing vehicles?
 - f. **Zero-Waste Coordinator** – F&S doesn't have funding for this position. They are looking into the waste management budget and business model to evaluate the potential for expanding acceptable plastics and associated revenues. They are also looking into piloting sensors in the dumpsters to measure the actual waste in them. There are a lot of players involved with the campus waste stream and management. Morgan is working with Carl to work through it all. Hope to have some answers by December.

- g. **Standard Signage on Recycling Bins** – The recycling bins were counted by Building Service Workers. They identified 3,000 standard bins across campus. Signs from Recycle Across America are \$1.75 each and only \$0.26 through document services. We hope to have the standard signage in place by August 15.
- h. **Adequate Recycling Bins** – What does adequate mean, how do you define that? Do we need consistent bins all across campus? That would be great! People get so confused by different kinds of bins. Maybe we need a change in standards.
- i. **External review of Utilities Master Plan (UMP)** – F&S does not agree with an external review of the UMP. Some reasons expressed include a significant time-delay and increased workload on F&S staff. Some of the iWG members did not think that an external review would stop any progress on the approval of the UMP. Why not review the two areas in question, the renewables and geothermal? Scott and Mike have met with the consultant about geothermal. Some people have expressed frustration regarding the opportunity to provide input to the UMP. There might be some who feel the same about the opportunity to provide input to the iCAP. The UMP is not the end all, be all. It's a living document and as we move through the iCAP objectives regarding energy, new solutions will be incorporated in the operational plans for campus utilities. When preparing a master plan, we do hope for an accurate picture of our future. Revisions and adaptations often occur. Those in attendance could not come to agreement on next steps related to this issue.
- j. **Conservation Budget** – Recommendation was sent to chair of the Sustainability Council, who has informally replied she is sympathetic, but could not respond until the state budget situation becomes more clear.

3. Monthly meetings on Thursday through May 2016?

Adjournment 3:00 pm.