

CCSE Recycling and Waste Management Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015

Time: 2:00-3:00pm

Location: Paulina Street Building (PSB), 1140 S Paulina, Conference Room 107

Attendees: Ning Ai, Anthony McClellan, Lisa Sanzenbacher, Leo Njongmeta, Gabriel Bernal, Gabriel Bedolla, Kelly Ting, Alec Piironen

Discussion

1. Introduction of new co-chair, Ning Ai

Ning Ai is the assistant professor in the Department of Urban Planning and Policy, and also a research assistant professor in the Institute for Environmental Science and Policy. She hopes to bridge CCSE, Office of Sustainability, and academic departments to increase student participation and learning opportunities in recycling and waste management.

2. Campus Recycling Report

Sanzenbacher presented a report on the campus recycling rates between 2001 and 2014 and a graph showing the comparison between recycling and landfill rate. She said that the cardboard made up a significant percentage of the recycled materials. She said that a lot of the cardboard boxes were not recycled on the UIC campus, and were separated at the waste transfer station by the workers. UIC should improve campus recycling for campus

3. Waste Reduction Plan

The 2010 UIC Waste Reduction Plan in UIC needs to be updated before the deadline on April 1st. Sanzenbacher informed the subcommittee that UIC had already met the goals in the Waste Reduction Plan. Therefore the subcommittee should think about what we needed to achieve in the next few years and develop more goals to reduce the campus waste. The main persons in charge of Waste Reduction Plan are Lisa Sanzenbacher and Joseph Iosbaker. The Waste Reduction Plan should be used as a framework for subcommittee goal settings, and the new subcommittee goals should be included in the Waste Reduction Plan. **Suggestion:** Piironen suggested to include laboratory waste reduction in the plan; Bernal suggested to incorporate things that the campus is already doing but not yet included in the plan. An example is the educational program for building service workers.

4. RecycleMania 2015

RecycleMania is a competition among 600 colleges in U.S. and Canada to increase recycling on the university campus. This year our main focus in RecycleMania is the Gorilla category. Starting March 9th to 13th, Office of Sustainability is organizing an event

called Caught Green-handed, which aims to give out pins for people who are caught doing recycling work. Student volunteers are needed to help with such event.

5. Building Service Worker Award

Bernal informed the subcommittee about the STAR Building Service Worker Award. The building service workers have been of great help during the recycling process by placing the recycled materials wrongly put into the trash bins into the recycled bins. The purpose of this award is to recognize the contribution of the building service workers. Only 5 winners will be chosen. Individuals who would like to nominate candidates should fill in a nomination form.

6. Other Announcements

- March 9th-13th: Caught Green-handed.
- March 25th: Sustainable Building Care Expo (9:30-2:30pm at Student Center East, Illinois Conference Rooms)