CCSE Energy and Utilities Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, February 25th
Time: 3:00-4:00 p.m.
Location: Utilities building, 1100 S Morgan St

Attendees:
Rob Roman
Dave Hofman
Cindy Klein-Banai
Vy Milunas
Edwin Flores
Rob Rouzer
Mike Molnar
Bill Ryan
Shelby Egan
Bob Deja

Discussion/ Things that have been established:

1. Overview of previous meeting presentation on UIC energy consumption, greenhouse gas emissions and Climate Action Plan

    a. This meeting continued the discussion on energy consumption, greenhouse gas emissions and Climate Action Goals. The subcommittee reviewed the Climate Action Plan goals, in conjunction with the CCSE 2013 recommendations to understand what we can achieve in the short term to report back to the committee. Because buildings account for over 80% of greenhouse gas emissions, consideration for energy efficiency and reduction goals should be at the front end of construction projects. A suggestion for coordination between Capital Programs, Office of Sustainability, and Plant Operations was created. The subcommittee also suggested a committee of operational people to take apart our greenhouse gas emissions and energy graphs, and figure out what is driving our emissions and which department is responsible. Considerations for cost must also be incorporated to sustainability projects, because there is often an initial cost for a percentage in greenhouse gas emissions savings. However, priorities of the University will determine our performance.

Things we need to work on:

1. A smaller working group that can join together to break down the sources of our greenhouse gas emissions.
2. Thinking about longer term goals for new construction projects: including zero energy, renewable energy, efficiency projects, etc.
3. Green Energy Rooftop Laboratory White Paper. Distribute idea proposal to different Departments and Colleges, and gain feedback on who may or may not be interested. Start to consider institution interest, use of space, and validation of need, scope, and safety.