

CCSE Energy and Utilities Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, July 1, 2014

Time: 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Location: Utilities Building (UTB), 1100 S Morgan St

Attendees:

Cynthia Klein-Banai

Mike Molnar

Rob Roman

Bob Deja

Vy Milunas

Shelby Egan

Discussion/Things that have been established:

1. Building Energy Dashboards
 - a. As a recommendation of the 2013 CCSE Report, the Building Energy Dashboards are well on their way. The subcommittee and Utilities staff has been working with an outside company to complete the dashboards. Currently, seven dashboards are approved, but Utilities is awaiting assistance from ACCC to get approvals from owners of kiosks in buildings. The subcommittee also discussed the user capacity of the server, and will be working with the outside company to address this. Dashboards are expected to be up and running by end of summer. Dashboards will eventually be shared on a website, so campus users can also see building energy usage virtually.
2. Green fee project "Wind Flames"
 - a. Undergraduate student who proposed "Wind Flames", a proposed wind turbine used for renewable energy generation and environmental education, will return from travel by end of August. She will then begin her Phase 1 wind study. She will be receiving guidance from the subcommittee.
3. Chevy offsets for sustainability funding
 - a. The subcommittee discussed the possibility of selling carbon credits to Chevrolet. The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign sold an estimated 150,000 metric tons of carbon credits to Chevy. Funding from Chevy and internal matching from campus leadership made this possible. The final amount allocated for reductions in carbon credits is likely to exceed \$1 million. UIC's Office of Sustainability was approached with the same inquiry. The subcommittee discussed the details of what would incur from such an agreement. This discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Things we are continuing to work on:

- 1.** Chevy offsets for sustainability funding.
 - a. Office of Sustainability will be working to find out the criteria that was used for matching funds from the UIUC.