PWR SWATeam MINUTES

4.27.2015

Attendees

Dilip Chhajed

Bart Bartels

Elizabeth Shancer

Warren Lavey

Karin Hodgin Jones

Marcy Wright

Points of Discussion

1. Introduction of new members

* Karin Hodgin Jones and Marcy Wright were welcomed into the group

1. Updates on recommendations
   1. Standardized signage – Positive feedback from the Working group
   2. Adequate recycling stations – Positive feedback from the Working Group
   3. Zero Waste Coordinator – The Working Group recommended that we break this recommendation into two positions, one that focuses on waste (Zero Waste Coordinator) and the other focusing on the purchasing side (Procurement Coordinator).
2. Marcy gave an overview of how the procurement/purchasing departments work
   1. Purchasing – can represent one unit or department
   2. Strategic Procurement – represents the whole university system
   3. Items can be “black listed” to avoid purchasing
   4. The Procurement Coordinator could be a public relations position

DC – Yes, it could take a lot of soft selling, perhaps an annual purchasing report

* 1. People buy from Amazon to save a few pennies but then it takes more work to verify the tax exempt status and sort P-card issues
  2. There are many ways to buy an item, the challenge will be to narrow that down

1. The following actions were discussed as part of old business
   1. BB –gave an update on the Recycling on the Quad project. It was discovered that the two-bin system was very successful at keeping the bottles and cans out of the landfill bins. It also discovered the majority of the contamination in the recycling bins was materials that are recycled off campus, so by increasing the acceptable materials (like cold cups) it would increase the recycling rate.
   2. BB – gave an update on the Expanded Polystyrene densifier project. Bart and Ben have had several meetings with University Council, Tax Department, Property Department and others regarding the project. More discussions will occur and then a contract will written.
   3. BB – Ikenberry project has been completed. This project compared two kinds of recycling stations, a covered station that was given to Campus Housing, and a two-bin station similar to those placed on the Quad. Results to be released at the next meeting.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2015 at 4pm in BIF 3038