

SWATeam Recommendation

Name of SWATeam: Purchasing, Waste, and Recycling

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Specific Actions/Policy Recommended (a few sentences): The campus should implement the approved paper policy draft in order to increase required recycled paper content

Rationale for Recommendation (a few sentences): The University of Illinois claims to be a highly sustainable campus, however, many departments and classrooms are not using recycled paper.

Connection to iCAP Goals (a few sentences): One of the iCAP goals is to “setting and enforcing minimum recycled paper content standards”

Perceived Challenges (a few sentences): Enforcing the paper policy has been a struggle in the past. Either departments are not aware of the requirements or they are stuck in their old ways. Ensuring every department on campus is doing their part is a challenge.

Suggested unit/department to address implementation: Policy adopted for the UIUC campus; need to communicate to each department and purchasing unit

Anticipated level of budget and/or policy impact (low, medium, high): low budget/high policy

Individual comments are required from each SWATeam member (can be brief, if member fully agrees):

Team Member Name	Team Member's Comments
Fangxing Liu	The paper policy is important for campus sustainability.
Dilip Chhajed	We should implement this paper policy.
Warren Lavey	This is a high priority action. F&S Stores have largely removed the cost disadvantage that in the past was associated with purchasing recycled content paper.
Marcy Wright	We should implement this paper policy.
Joy Scrogum	We should implement this paper policy.

Comments from Consultation Group (if any; these can be anonymous): N/A

Explanation and Background (can be supplied in an attachment): Recycled content paper has a lower footprint in

greenhouse gas emissions and water usage than paper with no recycled content. For most applications of office paper (printing and copying), paper with 30 percent or more recycled content is substitutable for paper with no recycled content. The iCAP commits the campus to purchasing environmentally-preferred products and services, and specifically calls for increasing purchases of recycled content paper.