PWR STATeam Meeting Minutes 9/10/18:

Attendees: Rebekah Jonas, Joy Scrogum, Timothy Stark, Ella Liskiewicz, Robert McKim, Brad Henson

Date: 9/10/18

Time: 3:30pm

1. Brief introduction of each members’ role in SWATeam
2. Discussed “To-Dos” for September, including to write a brief, yet descriptive paragraph about SWATeam’s focus for the year, and poster due Sept. 30th
3. Reviewed existing projects:
4. Paper purchasing

* Problem is that nothing is mandated, there are no specific initiatives, there are issues of reporting what is being purchased and issues regarding how to track purchases, so we need to better understand what initiatives are being taken by purchasing, according to Stark, Scrogum, and Henson.
* UI considered an EP purchaser, but is not following through with this title. Is there some way to put in verbiage agreements? (Scrogum)
* UI should shift purchasing policies into CAM from university level.
* We want to maximize the percent recycled paper, but that requires more education for those involved in purchasing.
* We want to eliminate options that go against sustainability efforts that purchasing can choose from, according to Scrogum.
* McKim: “Is there a way to promote sustainable purchasing?”

Henson: “yes, there are policies that say you have to do something a certain way, so to promote that would be the easiest, particularly regarding paper promotion.”

1. Recycling

* Finished Newmark survey and got results back.
* Ask Morgan White about next steps for Newmark recycling and if new bins are being put into Newmark.
* Cut on BSW workers, so now there are not enough to empty recycling bins. The solution? Hire more BSWs.
* Can campus expand on types of materials to be recycled?
* All above according to Jonas

1. Illini Gadget Garage

* According to Scrogum, ISTC is not going to continue to coordinate project with gadget garage, so Scrogum is trying to find someone else to help.

1. Recommendations:
2. Improve tailgating waste—have someone collect waste? Zero waste football game? Invite DIA to talk about tailgating efforts
3. Marching Illini—increase sustainability and reduce waste from catering
4. Dual recycling on quad
5. Battery recycling—charge for certain amount of batteries, possibly invest in rechargeable batteries, find out what’s viable in the area regarding battery recycling