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309 ACES Library

ALUFS SWATeam Meeting Minutes

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I. University Dining goal to reduce food waste

A. Measuring pre-consumer vs. post-consumer waste

1. Pre-consumer waste is produced, as name implies, before visitor to a dining hall accesses it (ex. vegetable trimmings)

a. Attempts to reduce this waste includes making less food close to the end of a meal time, while not running out for latecomers

2. Post-consumer waste is weighed; this information and carbon equivalence will be available outside of Ikenberry by Spring 2019

3. Study on cost of anaerobic digestor on campus resulted in a high price tag; Could Champaign/Urbana Sanitary District have a digestor that could be used?

C. Recommendation for food waste reduction goals

1. Challenges to competing with other universities

a. Not all universities measure food waste

b. Some universities (ex. Wisconsin-Madison) sell food a la carte and cannot measure how much students will eat

c. Rutgers and Ohio State might be interested

2. Intra-university competition among dining halls

a. Timing: Earth Week seems late in the year to start one, but data should be up by then, timing would make students more conscious of the event

b. Campaigning for food reduction: how to make it appealing for students to waste less other than simply competition? Ex. Clean Plate Club, involve Dining marketing team

c. Notice of a competition should be displayed on dining hall screens; An example might be to cooperate with the Lincoln Avenue Residence Hall Sustainability Living Learning Community for public service announcements?

d. Notice of carbon equivalence could be made on Dining app (students check menus often)

II. Notes to be addressed for Spring semester

A. SWATeams emphasize physical actions more than education on campus; idea as an addition to the 2020 iCAP?

B. Student Farm

1. A location nearer to the Arboretum, where more students visit, would make it more of public knowledge

2. Land leased by the University could be used by Student Farm to increase local food procurement, although not entirely reach goal of 40%

C. Action: need comments on Vet Med Parking Lot recommendation, any additional thoughts

D. Continue with recommendation on planting trees near the Embarras (and on campus as a whole), submit early in Spring semester