

# **2019 PWR SWATeam Recommendation #7**

Name of SWATeam: PWR

SWATeam Chair: Dr. Timothy D. Stark  
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## **Title: Endorsement of Eight (8) Indoor Solid Waste and Recycling Collection from F&S**

### **Specific Actions/Policy Recommended (a few sentences):**

The PWR SWATeam respectfully requests iSEE to fully support the eight (8) recommendations stipulated in the F&S Indoor Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Report.

### **Rationale for Recommendation (a few sentences):**

Recycling on campus is inconsistent and unstandardized (see photo below). As a result, the PWR SWATeam appreciates the efforts of F&S to create a more uniform recycling plan for campus buildings. This would reduce the amount of waste that goes to landfills, provided that a comprehensive plan to divert recyclable materials from landfills is implemented.

An example of the inconsistent and unstandardized recycling on campus is the photograph below from the Krannert Center, which conveys misleading information about how recycling works on campus. In reality, waste is not separated to “sort out the recyclables after collection”.



Another example of misleading information concerns contamination: placing a half full cup of coffee or other liquid in a recycling bin prevents the entire contents of the bin from being recycled because of contamination.

### **Connection to iCAP Goals (a few sentences):**

The recommendations from F&S align with Objective 6.2, which mandates that the university “reduce municipal solid waste (MSW) going to landfills. This involves reducing nondurable goods purchases, effectively reusing materials, and recycling. In the latter category, campus will increase the diversion rate of MSW to 45% by FY20, 60% by FY25, and 80% by FY35, while also increasing the total diversion rate to 90% by FY20 and 95% by FY25. MSW sent to landfills should decline to 2,000 tons annually by 2035.”

**Perceived Challenges (a few sentences):**

Resistance from some departments is possible.

**Suggested unit/department to address implementation:**

iSEE

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

Budget impact: Low

Policy Impact: High

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

Team Member Name	Team Member’s Comments
Timothy D. Stark	The ISTC study is very good and the eight recommendations should be implemented.
Robert McKim	I’m happy to have the opportunity to support the excellent proposals from ISTC/F&S.
Macie Sinn	Fully recommend!!! All proposals in this report should be implemented.
Aaron Finder	Fully recommend.
Maddy Liberman	I agree with everyone else.
Neal Shannon	<i>Not available for comment.</i>
Sowmiya Raju	I think this recommendation will play an integral part in improving the recycling program on campus.

**Comments from Consultation Group (if any; these can be anonymous):**

None.

**Explanation and Background (can be supplied in an attachment):**

Representatives from F & S have discussed their plans with us and have answered all of our questions to our satisfaction.

Attached is the F&S Indoor Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Report. The Eight Recommendations begin on Page 9.