1. How are the team members going to relate to each other in a manner that is fair, equitable and honest?

Our IPRO has been setup since day one very fairly, and democratic. We elected group leaders and from there developed three subgroups that are divided by different aspects of all necessary tasks that we felt as a group should be covered to please the client. Each group member had a say in group leaders, sub-group leaders, and well as which sub-group they would like to work in. This was deemed the most fair and ended up being broken up effectively as the building sub-group required more people, and had more people volunteering for that group. Each sub-group leader (building, environmental, and business) were set to make sure that everyone is contributing an honest effort and being a productive group member to help the team produce a final product that is pleasing to the group itself, as well as the client and professor.

Honesty is a key part of the group as there are independent work days in which subgroups meet out of class during class hours and it is necessary that all members are productively working during these times. During class time, members present currently completed work as well as where they plan to go in the future allowing a fair amount of time to have the attention as the group as a whole, including the professor and at times the client. The whole schedule and grouping of our IPRO is very fair and equitable for all members allowing for structured class time, in and out of the classroom, that sometimes requires honesty to reach a common goal that has been set in a democratic fashion.

2. What are the ethical challenges embedded in the particular project in which the team is involved?

There are very little ethical challenges that the team needs to overcome in my personal opinion. The issue being that we must work effectively with an actual business and its owners which have very strong personal and organic beliefs that must be taken into consideration at every stage of the IPRO to please the client as well as represent a strong and mature student body of IIT. Some students may have personal issues with calling something “completely organic.” An issue that stems from this is the ethics of the business owners. They must provide accurate information for us to base our studies on, especially that of the business group, who are relying on accurate and honest information that may or may not have been provided to the standards that both parties agreed on. Also, the students must respect the beliefs and intentions of the client, which some members may have second thoughts upon.