SWATeam Meeting

Location: NSRC Room 358

Date: October 21st, 2016

Members Present: Rabin Bhattarai, Arthur Schmidt, Keith Erickson, Nandakishore Rajapolan, John Berens, Morgan Johnston, Carley Meeks

Topics of Discussion:

* Poster for Campus Sustainability Celebration
* Feasibility Studies submitted in the late Spring of 2016
* Goals of SWATeams

Minutes:

* Review of the Water and Stormwater Poster for Campus Sustainability Celebration on October 26th, 2016
  + Regional Office Building clarification
* Recommendation Studies
  + Review feedback from Ben McCall and the iCAP Working Group

“To amplify a little bit, the iCAP Working Group had two specific concerns:  
  
1) The recommendations were not accompanied by comments from each and every SWATeam member on the transmittal form; these comments are essential for the iWG to know that the entire team has carefully considered each recommendation.  
  
2) The recommendations did not contain enough detail about exactly what needs to be done, who would undertake the study, and what the approximate costs and timelines would be.  This level of detail is needed so that the iWG can fully evaluate the recommendations.  
  
Additionally, on the proposed study of pervious pavement in C9, the iWG suggested that this study might be revised to identify the areas of campus that contribute the most to non-point source pollution, and then accordingly prioritize areas for implementation of green infrastructure.  Perhaps this has already been done, and C9 is the most important area, but this was not clear to the iWG.  
  
You should feel free to re-submit any or all of your recommendations to the iWG when you are ready to do so.  The iWG has not yet set any timeline this year for such submissions, but if it does we will certainly let you know!”

* Function of SWATeam
  + Engagement from faculty and staff
  + 6 core topics are the basis for each team
  + Functions as a working and advisory group
  + Not involved in changing procedures and making decisions but can make recommendations
  + Goals
    - Gather data
    - Perform studies with faculty and staff
    - Raise awareness of iSEE, water use, and sustainability
  + Example of recommendation
    - ACES should work with ISGS (Surface Geophysics Group) to map tile drains on campus
* Resources for SWATeam
  + Sustainability minor
    - Provides a pool of students available for projects
    - Semester and year long projects for course credit
    - Projects have to be manageable for a student and a faculty member would have to oversee it
* Design Center
  + Possibility for a recommendation study