**SWATeam Student Representatives Meeting (4-10-14)**

**SWATeam student roles and participation:**

**-**The consensus of the current SWATeam student reps is that the faculty and staff reps dominate discussions and student rep participation is not significant.

Possible reasons: The items discussed are either vague (i.e. unbundled v. bundled RECs, carbon credits) or require a learning curve that is not feasible within the time available to analyze the topic at hand (i.e. Transportation team has a challenging analysis of alleviating airline travel emissions which have multiple caveats embedded. Airline travel currently accounts for 70% of UIUC’s transportation emissions)

**Ideas to improve student participation:**

-Maybe teams should have 4 students to match the presence of 2 faculty and 2 staff members of the team. An increase to 4 students on teams may increase student knowledge base on new items/concepts that faculty and staff may already understand. However, this may not be a viable solution since each team has different dynamics between faculty/staff and students.

-Future teams should have student members with a strong knowledge base or be willing to learn about atypical topics from regular coursework. Example: Parking regulations and unionization of parking services that is accounted for by the Transportation SWATeam.

-Students that are on the SSC should be encouraged to be on future SWATeams although this might be challenging considering the SSC workload.

-2 year terms for students. This may include at least one underclassman with the intention that they will learn how the SWATeam operates and to pass working knowledge to the next student elected/selected on to the team.

-Before any measures are taken to increase capacity for student rep participation, we should see how the teams operate after the reports are completed for Earth Week.

**Specific Items:**

-AEI will present master utility pan on 3:00pm on April 24 at the YMCA

-Tuesday April 15 the reverse auction for UIUC power acquisition will be underway. This may determine if UIUC will meet the iCAP 2015 milestone of 5% power generation coming from renewable energy sources. Unbundled RECs will be considered in the auction as a way the 2015 milestone.