Wednesday, 19 September

 309 ACES Library

ALUFS Meeting Minutes

Present: Ximing Cai, Reid Christianson, Joseph Edwards, Brent Lewis, MJ Oviatt, Morgan White,

Colleen Williams

A. SSC Funding Application for Nitrogen Monitoring

1. Edits to Draft

a. Need a department to go through with project if Step 1 is approved; Reid Christianson will have application under his name and department

b. suggestion to add that collaboration is beginning with the USGS

3. Step 2 will need more involvement with students, if approved from Step 1

4. If funding is approved, may get equipment in 2019

5. Updates to MJ from previous year, recommendation for nitrate monitoring that led to writing the Student Sustainability Committee (SSC) funding application; water flows out at a relative point from campus, making a useful spot for monitoring

6. SSC will decide on Step 1 approvals in October

B. Parking Green Infrastructure Updates

1. Action: work on follow-up from Water SWATeam’s recommendation in Spring 2018 for incorporation of green Stormwater infrastructure in Stormwater Systems standards

a. How quickly would an additional recommendation follow through? iWG meets early in semester, can try to submit recommendation by October

b. Brent Lewis may become owner of Parking Standards

2. Recommendation on improvement of Vet Med Parking Lot is on Box, will continue to edit

C. Sustainability Council is meeting at least once per year, would like SWATeam observations of challenges in getting plans into action, what the Chancellor and Provost should know about

 1. Action: write onto agenda for next meeting

2. Building Water Reuse

a. Clarification on laws: builders cannot put a system together, but can purchase something pre-approved, has a price but not much in overall cost of major building modification

 3. Communication is difficult: many undergrad students are unaware of what iSEE does

 a. Alumni should be informed of iSEE projects

 b. On one note, more students might pay attention to iSEE than is expected

D. Pesticide, fertilizer use on campus

 1. The Quad requires some pesticides for maintenance, but otherwise almost none

 2. Turf species is slowly being transitioned to a stronger plant

 2. Landscaping is thinking of how to apply that department to the Master Plan