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Water/Stormwater SWATeam Minutes

Present: John Berens, Eliana Brown, Rabin Bhattarai, Ximing Cai, Arthur Schmidt, Colleen Williams

I. Campus Sustainability Poster final updates before submission

 A. Objective: publicize water use data

1. Ensure water use graph includes latest completed fiscal year, no incomplete years for misinterpretation

2. Create shortened URL for water quality report

 B. Objective: conduct water audit

 1. Add plans to encourage student involvement

 C. Objective: “investigate the water quality Impacts of stormwater runoff”

1. Ensure all updates from 2017-18 are added, including submission of Student Sustainability Committee funding application for feasibility study based on 2018 EPA Rainworks Challenge, make wording more presentable

 D. Objective: pilot projects demonstrating water reuse

1. Research on Illinois Plumbing Code has shown projects would be difficult to legally implement; note legal barriers but idea to encourage a change in green plumbing on state level

 E. Action: add design images from Rainworks narrative to submission to be added to poster

II. Barriers in carrying out sustainability projects

 A. Plumbing Code legal barriers

 1. Lobbyers would have more efficacy in suggesting changing the code, not SWATeam

2. SSC is the only group with money set aside for sustainability projects (other organizations within the university seek SSC funding for their projects); iSEE is looking for more funding sources, but it is important that the SWATeams are not the only ones looking for ways to make the campus sustainable

II. Other updates

 A. Students from Campus Rainworks presented the project in New Orleans

B. On answering to A. D. Binder Binder to follow up from his question on whom to further contact: as a SWATeam we may recommend that team member from F&S may be of help

C. Future meeting scheduling: potential change halfway through the semester; poll again for times available