NEW DIRECTIONS IN CIVIL & ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING AT NORTHWESTERN

TC Business Advisory Committee Meeting

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Strong Relationship between CEE & TC

- Capitalize
- Personally long time member
- Participated in panels, presentations, seminars
- Joint proposals 2014 NSF Urban Sustainability Research Network "Learning Cities: The sustainable & economic reinvention of rapidly changing cities"

Challenges Facing CEE Departments Everywhere

Undergrad enrollments – 34% decline in last 5 y

Funding – shift to center funding

Faculty & area renewal



Opportunities Facing CEE at Northwestern

Renewal – where, what, or begin anew

Unifying theme / vision

Enhance connections

Architectural Engineering



In partnership with TC

- New teaching & research focus on Cities
- Center for Adaptive & Resilient Cities
 - Coupled cycles of energy & resource production & use
 - Infrastructure
 - Autonomous vehicles, changing modes of mobility & accessibility
 - Information & communication; shared economy
 - Policy
 - Business opportunities