Annual Report (AY 2010-2011) to the Campus Senate

Submitted by
Committee on Sustainability

The Committee on Sustainability was established in fall 2008. In accordance with the duties and responsibilities outlined in the Senate bylaws, the Committee on Sustainability submits this annual report outlining the committee’s work over the past academic year. The report is separated according to topics.

Campus Updates Regarding Sustainability Practices
The Committee received updates regarding sustainability practices in the following areas:

- Campus housing (retrofits), given by Dave Barrows (Associate Vice Chancellor, Administrative Affairs)
- Information Technology Services, given by committee member, Denise Rothenbach (Administrative Aide, Information Technology Services)
- Lincoln Land Community College (Julie Bates, LLCC Green Coordinator, was invited to present on LLCC’s activities. The Committee was also interested in determining if there were any efforts that could be collaborated upon in the future. Discussions and communications will be on-going.

Development of a “Sustainability Resolution”
The Committee is currently developing a “sustainability/energy resolution” that will hopefully be approved by the Campus Senate in the coming future. Details are intentionally being omitted from this report since it is still a work in progress and will need additional time before they can be worked out. The resolution is however being mentioned since the Committee has had multiple discussions on the topic and has invested much time into its development.

Integration of Sustainability into the Curriculum
The Committee invited Edward Bempong, Director of First Year Programs, with the hopes of trying to crystallize a means of incorporating the topic of sustainability either into Freshman Welcome or Freshman Orientation. The idea of also trying to develop living learning communities (centered around sustainability) within housing was also discussed. These will be on-going efforts to try and develop.

Organization of 3rd Annual UIS Sustainability Week
The Committee has continued a recent UIS tradition and has once again organized “Sustainability Week” during the fall 2010 semester. One of the major success stories of the week was the recyclable art contest that was coordinated in conjunction with Shane Harris, Visiting Professor in Visual Arts. The event not only garnered attention from our campus newspaper but the local Springfield ABC television affiliate as well. The complete schedule can be found in Appendix A.

Development of 1st Annual UIS Earth Week
The Committee has successfully expanded what was once an “Earth Day” event on campus to an expanded “Earth Week” event during the spring 2011 semester. Activities ranged from helping
to promote various speakers on campus, to recycling compact fluorescent bulbs, in addition to student events. A big thanks needs to be extended to Beth Hoag from Student Activities and Joan Buckles from Grounds who helped organize, well attended, student events. Beth arranged for Joan to have a “Plant your own herb” event which was not part of the original schedule. This was truly a bonus event for the week. The complete schedule can be found in Appendix B.

**American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment (ACUPCC)**

UIS signed the ACUPCC last summer. This is an agreement by the University to reduce its overall carbon footprint and make wise decision regarding procurement and waste management. This is a tiered program which starts with an implementation profile, followed by a green house gas emission study and finally culminating in a climate action plan. The implementation profile was due in October of 2010. The committee formulated this report with the submitted version able to be found online at [http://acupcc.aashe.org/ip/1087/](http://acupcc.aashe.org/ip/1087/). The green house gas report is due in January of 2012.
Appendix A

3RD ANNUAL UIS SUSTAINABILITY WEEK

November 8–12, 2010

Monday 11/8
*Battery Recycling Drive begins. Bring your dead batteries to UIS for recycling this week. Please deposit them in designated containers in the PAC cafeteria and the UHB lobby before Friday at noon.
*SAGE Recycled Art Contest PAC Food Emp. 11:00am–2:00pm

Tuesday 11/9
*City of Springfield Recycling and Landfill Tour 9:30am–Noon sponsored by the UIS Volunteer and Service Engagement Center. Transportation provided. Email volunteer@uis.edu by 11/8/10 to participate.
*Green Educational Technology Solutions at UIS with Kara McElwraith PAC F Noon
*SAGE Recycled Art Contest Voting PAC Food Emp. 11:00am–2:00pm
*Battery Recycling Drive continues in PAC cafeteria and UHB lobby.

Wednesday 11/10
*Wacky Wednesday Sustainability Student Challenge 11:30am–1pm PAC Food Emporium Concourse
*SAGE Recycled Art Contest Voting PAC Food Emp. 11:00am–2:00pm
*Battery Recycling Drive continues in PAC cafeteria and UHB lobby.
*Q & A with the UIUC Sustainability Coordinator Morgan Johnston 2:00pm–3:00pm PAC CD - Refreshments provided.

Thursday 11/11
*Battery Recycling Drive continues in PAC cafeteria and UHB lobby.
*SAGE Recycled Art Contest Voting PAC Food Emp. 11:00am–2:00pm
*"The Blessed Blend Performers" - 8pm- STARS Lounge. Presented by the Diversity Center, the Blessed Blend Performers meld Native American and Celtic sounds creating a harmony of tribal music from these two ancient and still thriving indigenous cultures.

Friday 11/12
*Bike-Ride. Meet in front of LRH at 1:30pm with your bike for a bike ride led by UIS Bicycle Enthusiasts.
*Battery Recycling Drive in PAC cafeteria and UHB lobby ends at noon.
1st Annual UIS Earth Week

April 18 - 22, 2011

Monday - April 18
* CFL (Curly Q) recycling (PAC Food Emporium) (Sponsored by Springfield Electric)
* Go Vegetarian! - Choose a meatless option in the Food Emporium in honor of Earth Week!
* Political Art & the Political Sphere presents: “Blue Gold”, movie and discussion. (www.bluegold-worldwaterwars.com) Learn about the world’s looming water crisis! Led by UIS Professors Richard Gilman-Opalsky and Stefano Longo, 6pm, BRK Auditorium.

Tuesday - April 19
* CFL (Curly Q) recycling (PAC Food Emporium) (Sponsored by Springfield Electric)
* Determine your ecological footprint. (Food Emporium) (12-2:30pm)

Wednesday - April 20
* CFL (Curly Q) recycling (PAC Food Emporium) (Sponsored by Springfield Electric)
* Make your own bird feeder (Sponsored by Student Life) Food Emporium Patio (12-2pm)
* Make your own recycling bin (Sponsored by Student Life) Stars Lounge (4:30-5:45pm)
* Earth Day Keynote Speaker - Dan Knapp (Former SSU Professor and Founder of Urban Ore), BRK Auditorium, 7pm. Presented by Friends of Brookens Library, UIS ECCE Speaker Series, and Students Allied for a Greener Earth.

Thursday - April 21
* CFL (Curly Q) recycling (PAC Food Emporium) (Sponsored by Springfield Electric)
* NO Styrofoam Day in the Food Emporium! (minus soda cups) Bring your own drink container (up to 20 ounces) and receive a $0.25 discount!
* What’s in our campus trash? Come find out in the PAC Concourse!

Friday - April 22
* CFL (Curly Q) recycling (PAC Food Emporium) (Sponsored by Springfield Electric)
* UIS Bike-to-Work Day
* “Lay of the Land” Exhibit Reception, 5:30-8pm, UIS Art Gallery, HSB 201.