

SIU Sustainability Council Project Final Report

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Project Information

Project Title	Earth Day 2012 Celebration
Project I.D. #	1112078
Award Date	December 15, 2011
Completion Date	April 22, 2012
Funds used	\$1,000.00

Qualitative Assessment and Feedback

Please provide a brief description of the project and your experience.
<p>Ag green roof open house: Karen Midden, one of the main organizers of the ag green roof project, will be hosting an open house of the green roof. Students who wish to attend should go to the ag building. The green roof can be accessed via white stairs on the exterior of the ag building near the ag green house.</p> <p>Green Tour: The tour will feature sustainable sites and initiatives here on campus.</p> <p>Green Fair: 18+ RSOs, community organizations, and departments will be tabling the Student Center to provide information about possible green activities on campus and off.</p> <p>Saluki Spokes workshop: Saluki Spokes is the bicycle repair shop in the Student Center basement. It offers a variety of tools and services in the area of bicycle repair. The workshop will feature free bicycle repairs/demonstrations of bicycle repairs.</p> <p>Local Food speakers: Laura Williams and Leslie Duram will be presenting collaboratively on the idea of eating locally and how this relates to sustainability. They will also mention ways that students can begin to start eating locally and become involved with local/organic food production on campus.</p> <p>Sustainability council project awards and scavenger hunt winners: The sustainability council will announce the winners of the sustainability council project funds for Spring 2012. They will also announce the winners of the sustainable scavenger hunt that will be taking place the weekend prior to the Student Center Earth Day celebration.</p> <p>We had a good turnout for all the events that we hosted or co-sponsored with other campus departments. We were very pleased with the entire day and the participation.</p>

What were the best things learned/produced from the project?

Students are always willing to learn more about sustainability. The more opportunities we provide for them to be educated on the choices they make in their daily lives the more we are doing for our communities and SIU. We have to put it out there in front of the students rather than trying to get them to come to the events we have learned hence why the Green Fairs work so well since we are in a space they utilize for lunch daily.

How do you define sustainability? In what way did this project confirm or challenge your ideas?

Sustainability is the sum of many efforts to produce a better end result. Sustainability is economical, environmental, and social. This event confirms our definition by showing that we need to educate students, faculty and staff in diverse ways and continue to demonstrate the University's desire to be sustainable.

Where would you like to see this project, or projects like it, go in the future?

This project is a great way to simply put the information out in front of the students, faculty and staff. It would be nice to see continued support for this event as an avenue to showcase what the University is doing to be sustainable. The Student Center has been on the front end of promoting what the campus is doing for sustainability and as the center of campus it is a great venue for more programs like this to continue. Students are involved in doing projects at the Craft Shop and love showcasing their recycled artwork. It is a great opportunity for us to showcase student talents while promoting sustainability.

Do you have plans for continued involvement in such work? If so, how did this project contribute to those plans?

The Student Center is dedicated to continuing programming similar to this that will educate everyone on the initiatives of not only the Student Center but of campus and the larger community. This event shows that the Student Center is willing to continue supporting the green initiatives of the University and be a host to these events.

Optional: Do you have any suggestions or ideas for the SIU Sustainability Council?

It would be great to co-sponsor programs such as Campus Sustainability Day Green Fair and the Earth Day Green Fair as well.



