

Midstates Consortium Sustainability Workshop
Oct 2-5, 2009
St. Olaf College

ACTION PLANS

Lawrence University

- Small house challenge
- Green roof retrofits
- Campus sustainability map/guide
- Sustainability strategic plan/part of LU strategic plan
- Procurement policy

Beloit College

- Educate through first-year program and admissions
- Sustainability council/coordinator – use a recent grad?
- Projects to develop/continue
 - Revolving loan fund
 - Bike share
 - Green housekeeping

Luther College

- Explore “clearing house” for sustainability projects
- Better use of the garden for education

St. Olaf College

- EnvSt course to explore carbon neutrality, Pres. Challenge
- Work with staff, students to investigate/write external grants for sustainability
- Convene campus environmental groups to report on this meeting

Grinnell College

- MCMS → Farm to Fork collaboration with Augustana
- Share this workshop with campus stakeholders
- Create an energy commitment fund
- MSMS? →
 - Visit Colorado College and/or other schools to learn about sustainable renovation
 - Campus lands – 1 hectare plots (multiple schools)
 - Learn more from other colleges about sustainability action research in classes

Carthage College

- Initiate campus wide meeting with goal of forming a sustainability committee
- Establish a student sustainability fellows/internship program
- Request consortium support of invite Jim Farrell to be Earth Day speaker on “The Nature of College”

Washington University in St. Louis

- Paid student positions/internships in the Office of Sustainability
- Having a “Green dorm” (green roof, hallway light sensors, etc)
- Curriculum involvement/research integration
- Additional projects at the Living Learning Center
 - Composting
 - Alternate energies (i.e. wind turbine)

Macalester College

- Write sustainability student worker guide
- Campus ecology(ish) class for 1st/2nd yr students
- Research integration for sustainability projects
- Student involvement in design process

Colorado College

- Green roof ala St. Olaf on north Olin (Cecelia, Tass, students, Gail Connors)
- Community sustainability tours – monthly with student leaders
- Consortium Carbon Challenge
- Centralizing sustainable event coordination (Beth, Don, EnACT?)
- Gave us confidence that our walking tour is a good project.
- Validated our Bon Appétit – student garden connections.
- Connections for success on trayless dining.
- Catalyzing self-organizing projects-using the carbon offset as an example-why did it work?
- Cultural incorporation
- Promote the existing sustainability mission-first stop on tour; mission at each station
- Integrate Emily with Communications to have a crisp sustainability annual report.
- Sustainability training for academic officers (start with our own briefing meeting)
- Staff training for sustainability (start with Champions network & CSC Council members).

Reminders:

- Send presentations and posters to website (St. Olaf EnvSt Dept will host)
- List serve, email evaluation
- Expecting proposals for speakers and consultation to increase green preparation such as conference calls to optimize the outcome
- Beloit would like to host a follow-up meeting: How can we make the meeting practically valuable – e.g. work together to do all-campus energy assessment?
- Bringing together appropriate leaders to create a collaborative plan to reduce carbon emissions
- Divide up jobs within the group. Take ownership. Karen will follow-up.
- Post your posters on campus
- Send a note to each Dean/Provost thanking them for \$ and informing them of who took the time to attend.