

Building a Higher Education Campus Sustainability Network

Goal: Establish a network of Wisconsin higher education institution representatives working on campus sustainability to share strategies, best practices, innovations, and tools to enhance the sustainability of campus operations and the ecological and social literacy of graduates.

Objectives and activities:

Objective 1: Build relationships and create sharing opportunities between representatives of higher education institutions working towards sustainability in Wisconsin

- Activity: A one-day networking workshop will be organized, promoted and conducted. Invitations will be sent to each higher education institution in Wisconsin. The workshop will include presentations and discussion on current and future sustainability efforts on campuses. Potential topics include curriculum integration, faculty professional development, course development and expansion, student involvement, and community outreach. Approximately 40 people will attend the workshop.
- A paid workshop coordinator with the assistance of a small planning team will organize, promote, and conduct the workshop.

Objective 2: Identify needs, and strategies to address those needs, of higher education institutions working towards sustainability in Wisconsin

- Activity: A component of the workshop will focus on the needs of campuses working towards sustainability and potential strategies to address those needs. The needs and strategies will be the basis for future gatherings and offerings of the network.

Timeline:

- November 2009 – form planning team, select coordinator, set workshop date and location
- December 2009 – April 2010 – promote workshop, request presenters, register participants
- April 2010 – finalize workshop details, attendance, etc.
- July/August 2010 – conduct workshop
- September 2010 – implement any potential strategies from workshop (e.g., list serve)

Budget:

Item	Cost
Salary/Honoraria	
Workshop coordinator (40 hours X \$30/hour)	\$1,200
Planning team honoraria (4 members X \$200 each)	\$800
Travel	
Lunch and light snacks during the workshop (lunch = 40 X \$9, snack = 40 X \$2)	\$440
Travel stipends for participants coming from long distances (30 X \$70)	\$2,100
Materials/Supplies	
Workshop supplies – flip charts, markers, etc.	\$100
Facility rental	\$300
Total	\$4,940