Students Engaged in System-wide Sustainability

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This IonE mini-grant provided support for a gathering of students from all campuses in the University of Minnesota system in the fall of 2012. SELFsustain 2012 was held at UMD and the Cloquet Forestry Center; the UMD Sustainability Office was the organizing host. This was the second “Student Engagement Leadership Forum on sustainability (SELFsustain); following a similar even in Morris in Sept 2012.

Since this work group engages students, the event was planned by a group of students working with sustainability coordinators from all campuses. The format of the first event provided a template for the second SELFsustain. The group was welcomed by the Chancellor Lengley Black, and a Duluth city council member. Students from four U of M campuses presented Lightning Talks describing education and student engagement activities and experiences on their campuses. Following the Lightning Talks, the group toured the Duluth campus to view several examples of sustainable buildings, renewable energy installations, recycling infrastructure and campus gardens. A meal on campus provided opportunity for networking, then the group traveled to Cloquet Forestry Center for a bonfire and overnight. A tour of the Forestry Center started the next morning, followed by a hearty breakfast, and then a World Café discussion. Students are excited about the role they play as change agents within their campus communities. Several people hiked to the lookout tower before heading home with a box lunch.

The original proposal also included hosting virtual meetings between the annual SELFsustain gatherings, but after a couple fits and starts, this efforts was dropped.

Web Presence and Outreach: Bryan French, UMD Sustainability staff, created a website for the Duluth event: http://selfsustain2012.wordpress.com/. Dominique Boczek, a TC student, posted a summary to the IonE blog: http://www.susteducation.umn.edu/2012/11/15/self-sustain-engages-student-leaders/. Amy Short, Director of Sustainability include a report prepared by Anne Rittgers in the System-wide Sustainability Committee’s report to the Regents. This 2-page report is attached.
**Budget:**

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**Travel:**

- **UM Morris**
  - 568.34
  - Funded by UMM Chancellor's office

- **UM Crookston**
  - 411.53
  - UMC chancellor's office

- **UM Rochester**
  - 120
  - Lisa Socwell, UMR

- **UM Twin Cities**
  - 515.02
  - Funded by TC Sustainability Committee/Facilities Management

- **UM Duluth**
  - $50
  - Van provided by UMD FM

**Food at UMD**

| 600 |

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| 609 | 500 |

**Food at Cloquet**

| 601.17 |

**Housing at Cloquet**

| 910 |

**Cloquet classroom**

| 85 |

**Linda’s supplies:**

| 83.35 |

**Mindy’s supplies:**

| 108 |

**UMD room rental**

| 300 |

**Student support**

| 1500 | 500 |

| Rosanna - 500 Brendan - 500 Natalie – 500, Elisabeth - 500 |

| Totals | 2786.17 | 2102.35 | 908 | $1664.89 |

In addition to the cash expenses, many hours of staff time from Mindy Granley and her students at University of Minnesota Duluth, and from planning team of students and staff were contributed inkind.