

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 starred 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:

Actual Expenditures:	1000 10776 20080 10000012559 2102792	1802 10776 20106 AES0083045	1000- 10465- 21070 (sustain office)		
	IonE minigrant	RSDP	UMD grant	other sources	
	\$2950 grant amount	\$3040 available	2580		
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				
Food at UMD		609	500		<i>Mindy requested transfer 12/6 to UMD from IonE and RSDP.</i>
Food at Cloquet	601.17				
Housing at Cloquet		910			Partnerships picked up cost of rooms
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.