Student Sustainability Leadership Summit

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Overview

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Purpose

1. Redundant/inefficient efforts
2. Great ideas: poor implementation
3. Slow yearly start
Purpose

Redundant/ inefficient efforts

- Fault of lack of communication
- Redundant work and goals
- Need for sustainable community building
Great Ideas: Poor Implementation

- Ideas are not feasible
- Lack of understanding of institutional support
  - Leadership/implementation learning (something students need)
Purpose

Slow Yearly Start

-Efforts require a set up phase

-Miss energy and availability of students

-Sets back yearly timeline
Goals

- Build community
- Draft work plans
- Brainstorm partnerships
- Develop a shared vision
- Create a leadership training template
Agenda

- Two full days, 8am to 5pm
- Agenda mix of presentations, trainings, and activities
- Using event as learn by doing example
- 350.org great resource for training ideas, SOUL train the trainer, campus organizers
Logistics

- Free room on campus, easy to book before school starts
- Big grocery shopping trip night before and after 1st day
- Zero waste event
- Room with open floor plan and mobile chairs and tables is ideal
Metrics

• Project Cost
  – Staff Wages- (50 hours)
  – Materials and supplies- $461.19

• Number of people reached by your program
  – 30 student club leaders participated
  – 15 staff and faculty attended presentations
  – Over 300 students positively affected by the early planning process of their club leaders
Purpose and Outcomes

- Redundant/inefficient efforts → Community Building
- Great ideas: poor implementation → Leadership Training
- Slow yearly start → Early Momentum
Outcomes

Community Building

- Created space for connections
- Congruous idea creation
  - ex. EPC: Meeting and TGIF planning
- Developed network of sustainability leaders for the year
Leadership Training

- Focus on the tangible

- Understanding of the system and mechanisms of change
  - ex. RFC: CSA launch & long-term space

- Identified student leaders
Outcomes

Early Momentum

- Formed plans before school year
- Already planned tangible projects
  - Ex. Sustainability Team in EWB
- Connects recruitment and engagement
Pluses
• Hosting the event immediately before school was a huge success
• Students were energized by presenting to campus stakeholders
• Students love healthy good food and veggies, even if it means they are making their own salads and sandwiches

Deltas
• 2 full days is a lot to keep people engaged- this year we will do 1.5 days
• Need to broaden our network of clubs
Next Steps

Continual Community Building
- Through Empower Poly

Create follow up training
- Succession planning event in winter

Hosting another larger summit Fall 2017
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