Student Sustainability Summit
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Share your ideas and brainstorm together! Student Sustainability Summit
Purdue University

[Image of dormitory and campus map]
Vision

• Sustainability is integrated into Purdue University Campus Culture

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Collecting the voices & understanding the frameworks
“The sustainability summit was an excellent way to network with other students and staff with similar feelings about the importance of sustainability. In addition, it was also very helpful to see the other initiatives taking place around campus to further sustainable practices. I was able to showcase my group’s work while discovering connections with others.”

--Summit Participant
Panelists

- Gebisa Ejeta, Director, Global Food Security Center
- Ron Turco, Director, Purdue Water Community
- Maureen McCann, Director, Energy Center
- Leigh Raymond, Director, Center for the Environment
- Dennis Depew, Interim Director, Global Policy Research Institute
- Otto Doering, former Director Purdue Climate Change Research Center
- Michael Gulich, Director, Office of University Sustainability

Envisioning Session
Recommendations
Connect sustainability culture & discourse to the classroom
• Create a campus-wide steering committee to develop a long-term strategic plan for connecting the student experience and university curriculum with sustainability outcomes aimed at addressing societal needs and enhancing the student experience.

Create a centralized hub & student space for sustainability-minded groups & individuals
• Increase communication channels, provide opportunities for larger, collaborative projects with broader impacts, recruit future students, and increase marketability for sustainability groups and events across campus.
Support the Student Sustainability Council “SEED” Grant Program

- Obtain reoccurring funding for this grant program. In the 2012-2013 academic year, $20,000 in funding was awarded for student-led projects. There are no funds earmarked for a reoccurring fund.

Support student-led initiatives that save Purdue money

- Quantify student-led initiatives to demonstrate cost savings for the University.

  40 Million in Cuts

  “Friday Night Lights” at Penn State
  - 12 buildings once a night across a semester
  - 171 volunteers + 30,000 light bulbs = $4,000 dollars saved
  - Purdue can save $100,000 dollars without changing infrastructure just behavior
Purdue University = A Leader in Sustainability

“Although we are all involved in different sustainability efforts at Purdue, we are all linked by the common desire to promote environmental stability. No matter our disciplines or area of interest, we all have a skill or connection to “bring to the table”; we can all work together to enact sustainable changes on campus.”

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