League Recommendations
League for Innovation Sustainability Symposium
October 14-16, 2007

- League Conferences: Include carbon offsets in cost of league conferences. Adopt sustainable conference practices.
- Be visible at sustainability events/conferences – presenters, co-sponsor
- Lobby presidents to hire sustainability coordinators and sign climate commitment
- Lobby for sustainability in higher education
- Political lobbying
- Partner with large organizations in ways we cannot. Help create "Aha" moments with big companies.
- Partner with other organizations such as chambers, local governments advisory boards, etc.
- League sustainability website useful and attractive. Post link to website at colleges. Create a list of signatories for critical items. Sources of funding for sustainability related activities. Post success stories with contact information.
- Directory of personnel with contacts. Be sure to include specializations.
- Partner with other organizations and networks
- Part of media collaborative – information to the public
- Sustainability person/contact at League
- Mini-consultancies: create mentoring network funded by league. Tap into individual expertise.
- Change agent training
- Help frame a CEO sustainability council model for individual colleges that do not have a sustainability coordinator. Council membership includes internal and external stakeholders. Develop timelines for implementation of goals and staff (many) designed to carry out the implementation regime. Bimonthly business meetings at which progress is tracked and resources redirected as needed.
- Establish and publish design standards – green building, maintainability, green products. Purchasing practices and agreements – discounted pricing.
- Systems change – provide job descriptions for different positions across campus so that sustainability is ingrained in all positions
- Provide a definition of sustainability
- Establish standards for board colleges. levels (star system), resources, audit template
- Establish benchmark standards – baseline.
- Establish baseline for member colleges – condition of member colleges
- League established baseline, rather than benchmarks. Baseline is where we need to get started.
- Learning – help us develop learning communities. Build shared curriculum. Curriculum development projects. Funding for development.
- Professional development – sustainability certification.
- Lens-type series to be used for professional development purposes
- Sponsor professional development opportunities
- Facilities – LEED. Help pay for USGBC fees.
- Bring in more indigenous wisdom. Indigenous environmental network. Multiple perspectives of diverse groups. Nurture stakeholders.
- Bring national breadth to the topic.
- Multi-pronged approach – don't make just one or two recommendations.
- Culture & community – League takes leadership as scientific/political/cross-cultural melder of minds.
- iStreams
- Sustainability Innovation of the Year award
- Sustainability board game. (Create an atmosphere of fun)