

## LOOKING BACK – projects and activities past...

- ◆ Successfully campaigned for SIUC to sign onto the Talloires Declaration – under Chancellor Jo Ann Argersinger (Feb. '99)
- ◆ Earth Day/WEEK 2000: tremendous series of events including speakers, films, actions, and fun! Required extensive funding and organizing; resulted in great video (available in resource library). Annual Earth Day activities continue, range of on- and off-campus locations, number of community partners
- ◆ SIUC Campus Sustainability Report – class project of the Environmental Studies capstone course (D. Sitarz)
- ◆ Much work on paper issues – campus purchasing policy, advocated for recycled-content paper in copiers. Student Environmental Center (SEC) was key partner; actions such as solar-powered awareness-raising concert w/ guest Robert Hoyt, resulted in meetings and conf. calls w/ Boise Cascade reps (circa 2001, Dave Paprocki)
- ◆ Also 2001, became non-profit entity “SICSF”; submitted 501(c)3 application
- ◆ Fall 2001 – through Environmental Resources & Policy interdisciplinary PhD program, gained half-time graduate assistant. Developed initial Board of Directors, approved Bylaws, received first funding disbursement from City of Carbondale (opened bank account)
- ◆ Sent representatives to Greening the Campus Conference at Ball State University in Muncie, IN
- ◆ Co-sponsored weekend Illinois Student Environmental Network (ISEN) organizing retreat – at Touch of Nature Environmental Center; paid expenses for ten SIUC students to participate
- ◆ Summer 2003 – received grant from Norcross Wildlife Foundation; purchased office computer equipment
- ◆ Fall 2003 – with help of George Feldhamer, Environmental Studies, received Undergraduate Student Assistant. This assistantship has been successfully re-awarded every year (except 2006-07 due to missed deadline); students assistants to date are Kim Stakal, Carolyn Wilkey, Dave Piercy, and Eric Kidd.
- ◆ Helped organize 2003 Indigenous Peoples Day events at SIUC; featured keynote speaker Winona LaDuke
- ◆ Initiated and produced Heartland Bioneers Conference, October 2004. Event has repeated annually and relationship with national Bioneers organization has deepened. (\*2004-2006 conferences made possible in large part due to financial support from former Provost John Dunn) George Feldhamer, Environmental Studies Program Director, has been strong supporter partner for the duration of Heartland Bioneers
- ◆ Co-wrote successful NWF Campus Ecology application; partnered with SEC, Rec Center Base Camp, the Bike Surgeon, and others to kick off Saluki Cycles program. Rec Center operates program and maintains equipment. SEC was awarded further funding (Youth Venture) to expand program – more bikes, more locations.
- ◆ Actively participated in Save Hickory Lodge campaign, throughout 2006 – presented proposal for environmental education/demonstration center
- ◆ Summer 2006 – planted and tended “salsa” garden at Hickory Lodge gardens with about a dozen student participants, dubbed the Nature Xplorers Club, from Boys & Girls Club of Carbondale. Program emphasized walking for exercise (proximity of Club and garden a bonus!), and pedometers contributed by SIH recorded a total of 114, 170 days.
- ◆ April 2007 – Co-sponsored discussion panel on genetically engineered food. Special guest Jeffrey Smith (author “Genetic Roulette” and “Seeds of Deception”) made several appearances during his Carbondale visit. Illinois Humanities Council was funding partner
- ◆ Fall 2007 – received Energy Bike from Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. Carbondale is southernmost outpost of twelve energy bikes available statewide. The Energy Bike is an interactive demonstration that educates about energy efficiency and conservation.

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