



# University of Idaho Sustainability Center (UISC)

Student Activity Fee Narrative

January 22, 2015

Describe the programs you host with your student activity fee funding.

**Student Activity Fee**—The Sustainability Center (UISC) was established as the first student-led Sustainability Center west of the Mississippi in 2006 as part of a campus-wide student movement with support from staff, community, faculty, all three student governments (undergraduate ASUI, graduate student GPSA and law student SBA), residence hall presidents and many clubs. This effort culminated in the passing of a \$5 per semester student fee that continues to support UI Sustainability Center activities. In spring 2011, a supplemental student fee of \$.50 was awarded by ASUI to help the Sustainability Center improve recycling services on campus.

**Our Mission**—A student-led and student-fee funded organization, the UISC supports efforts to create an active culture of sustainability and we are committed to developing and maintaining healthful, educational living environments while fully integrating sustainable practices at the University of Idaho. Sustainability involves reorganizing our life support systems; climate, energy, biodiversity, food, consumerism and consumption, waste, transportation and built environment. We do this through developing and implementing projects that reduce our environmental footprint and increase participation and collaboration among students, faculty, staff and community members.

**What is Sustainability?**—Sustainable development has been defined in many ways, but the most frequently quoted definition is from Our Common Future, also known as the Brundtland Report: "Sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. It contains within it two key concepts: the concept of needs, in particular the essential needs of the world's poor, to which overriding priority should be given; and the idea of limitations imposed by the state of technology and social organization on the environment's ability to meet present and future needs."

**Student Leadership**—The UISC is led by a student director and nine student staff positions responsible for coordinating events, volunteers, recycling, marketing, grant projects, website and technical support. Students receive training, support and mentorship from the UISC Program Manager, Student Engagement Coordinator, Advisory Board and Facilities—Utilities and Engineering Services. You can [meet our student staff](#) on the UISC website.





The Sustainability Center hosts over 100 sustainability-related events, volunteer opportunities and grant projects each year. The UISC has declared 2014-2015 the Year of No Impact. In support of this theme we've developed a multipronged campaign.

- **No Impact Challenge**—Join the UISC for a fun and challenging one-week carbon cleanse experiment and discover how lowering your impact can benefit not only the planet, but also your own quality of life! The No Impact Project, April 17-24, 2015 is designed to increase interest in sustainability, build community and create positive environmental change. Each day will focus on a different theme including consumption, eating locally, energy & water conservation and alternative transportation. Partners: this program is in development.
- **Energy Conservation Social Marketing Campaign**— Although electricity consumption on campus is trending down, utility rates are trending up. U-Idaho spends approximately 2.6 million dollars each year on electricity. Lighting accounts for up to 15% of the electricity bill, or about \$400,000. The UISC is partnering with Facilities—Utilities and Engineering Services to develop a “Turn the Lights Out” campaign. Light switch prompts are being designed to change behavior, serve as a reminder and convey a social norm about what folks on campus value—energy conservation, carbon neutrality and saving money. Partners: UI Facilities—Utilities and Engineering Services and University Housing.
- **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Palouse Basin Water Summit**—The UISC participated in this community discussion about how we manage our shared water resources. UISC student staff hosted a tap vs. bottled vs. filtered taste test (bottled won). The UISC Director presented, “Drinking tap or filtered water will save you hundreds of dollars a year and reduce your carbon footprint. Consumers pay \$10.32/gallon of bottled water, but only \$ .07 to .30 /gallon for filtered water and about 1/3 of a penny/gallon of tap water”. Partners: Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee, Avista, UI Facilities—Utilities & Engineering, City of Moscow, Latah County, UI College of Law, WSU and Moscow High.
- **Food and Farm Composting**— A [waste characterization study](#) conducted by UISC in 2009 found that 68% of what we throw away on the UI-Moscow campus can be recycled (40%) or composted (28%). These findings drove the development of our Food and Farm Composting program. In 2014, 51 tons of campus food waste (from the Commons, Bob’s Place and Denny’s) was composted with 40 tons of livestock manure and used animal bedding at the UI Dairy. Composting diverts waste from a regional landfill 200 miles away. Partners: Office of the President, Office of Finance and Administration, Facilities Administration, CALS/PREEC Dairy Center, Commons Administration, Environmental Science Department, Sodexo, ASUI and student volunteers.
- **Kibbie Dome Waste Characterization**—UISC conducted this study to determine the volume of food waste generated at home games in the UI Kibbie Dome and to evaluate the feasibility of implementing Food and Farm collection at the Kibbie Dome. Findings will be published in 2015. Partners: Kibbie Dome and Sodexo.



- **UI Freshman Orientation**—UISC has a long-standing tradition of partnering with the Office of the Dean of Students to provide incoming students with a stainless steel water bottle to encourage a culture of waste minimization. Partners: Department of Student Involvement, Latah County Commissioners, the Environmental Science Department, Facilities—Utilities and Engineering Services and PBAC. UISC also participates with Student Affairs for freshman orientation tours and contributes tips for sustainable living to the freshman flash drive.
- **Support Your New Community (SYNC)**—UISC is replanting the Palouse prairie with native trees, shrubs and groundcovers. 108 SYNC students planted 105 trees, pulled weeds, watered plants and contributed 324 hours of service. Partners: Department of Student Involvement and Facilities—Landscaping Services.
- **Evolve: Ink and Electronic Recycling**—For this fundraising activity, UISC staff collects empty ink cartridges and old electronics from 17 collection sites around campus. Ink cartridges are refilled and reused. Cell phones are reused, refurbished, or smelted down for metal and plastic components to be repurposed. [Learn more.](#)
- **Vandalizing the Kitchen**—Vandal Nutrition (Vandalizing the Kitchen) and UISC (Good Eating's) were duplicating efforts with similar cooking classes. We've joined forces to educate students about local food systems and to give them the opportunity to cook affordable, healthy recipes while fostering a sense of community. [1-minute video.](#)
- **Yes, You CAN!** —So many students gathered to learn the art of canning applesauce and salsa with locally grown ingredients that 30 students were turned away and we scheduled a second canning workshop. Partners: Vandal Nutrition, City of Moscow, Moscow Food Co-op and Ball®.
- **Lunches with Leaders**—The Department of Student Involvement (Lunches with Leaders) and UISC (Green Lunches) were duplicating efforts with similar speaker series. We've joined forces to feature campus leaders' stories about their path to leadership and how they have incorporated sustainability into their careers and lives. Partners: UI Department of Student Involvement, faculty and students across campus.
- **Bike Fix**—Students can get their bike fixed and learn how to do maintenance and repairs from local professional bike mechanics. A popular program with students since 2008, we offer Bike Fix twice yearly. Partners: Follett's Mountain Sports, Palouse Bicycle Collective, Rolling Hills Bikes, Paradise Creeks Bikes and many more. [1-minute video.](#)
- **Earth Fest**—In celebration of Earth Day, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, UISC partners with dozens of campus and community groups for a month of volunteering activities and fun events designed to engage and empower students.
- **U-Ideas Symposium**—Inspired by TED Talks, U-Ideas is an interdisciplinary symposium organized by students, for students with the aim of giving U-Idaho faculty and staff an opportunity to share their research in an engaging and accessible style. 200 participants attended this event. Partners: Many UI Colleges and Departments and Sodexo.

## Ongoing/Established Volunteer Programs:



Active involvement by passionate students is key to sustainable change! (Cairo, 2011). In 2014, the UISC engaged over 500 student volunteers who contributed 1450 hours toward sustainability efforts.

- **Leave No Trace**—In 2014, 68 student volunteers contributed 186 hours cleaned up litter in beautiful, scenic places in the Palouse region including the Spring Valley Reservoir and the Snake River. [Watch a 2-minute video](#). Partners: Idaho Fish and Game, Palouse Land Trust and Sodexo.
- **'Get Dirty' with Soil Stewards at the student-led organic farm**—85 volunteers spent over 200 hours planting seedlings, weeding row crops and harvesting root vegetables which enabled Soil Stewards to sell local, student-grown produce to campus dining. Partners: Soil Stewards, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Campus Dining.
- **GameDay Recycling**—This year revenue was generated by 42 student volunteers who collected recyclables from tailgaters on game days. Student volunteers also help Facilities keep the Kibbie Dome parking lot free of trash during home football games. Partners: Kibbie Dome, Facilities-Recycling, Surplus and Solid Waste.
- **Food and Farm Composting**—UISC recruits and trains student volunteers who play a critical role in minimizing contamination of campus compost by teaching Commons dining patrons how to sort lunch leftovers into compostable, recyclable and landfill collection containers. Since 2010 over 1300 hours have been contributed by 255 volunteers. For each hour of service, volunteers earn a free meal, compliments of campus dining. Partners: see pg. 2.
- **Get Rooted**—Our most popular volunteer program, Get Rooted, has engaged over 1600 student volunteers in replanting the Palouse Prairie and the campus with almost 3350 native trees, shrubs and groundcovers since beginning in 2007. In 2014, 236 students contributed 645 hours. [1-minute video](#). Partners: Palouse Conservation District and Facilities—Landscaping Services.
- **Move Out/Freecycle**—Each spring, student volunteers divert hundreds of pounds of clothes, microwaves, refrigerators and other durable reusable goods from landfills by collecting donations from students moving out of the dorms. In August, we've seen students running as fast as they can to get to the Theophilus Tower lawn where all items are set out on tables! Partners: College of Natural Resources—Student Ambassadors, UI Housing.
- **Eco Reps**—A new program, Eco-Reps is a student leadership program in UI Housing residence halls that promotes peer education and projects in support of the University of Idaho Climate Action Plan. Partners: UI Housing



The UISC allocates up to \$9,000 annually to fund projects that engage students in building real-world skills while bolstering campus sustainability and creating real and permanent change. A total of 41 student-led mini-grants have been awarded \$119,000 in funding since the program began in 2006. Students develop skills they will use well beyond the life of the grant, including grant writing, project management, budgeting, program evaluation, leadership and teamwork. The UISC Advisory Board joins UISC staff and student staff to participate in the mini-grant review process.

### Current mini-grant projects—

- **Kailie Legget, Maddy Bass, Brita Olson and Matt Roth**, members of the University of Idaho Soil Stewards club. Their \$3,000 grant, entitled *“Peas Lettuce Build and Awesome New Farm,”* will fund efforts to help the student-run farm establish infrastructure for farming and outreach activities at a new site located at UI’s North Farm (behind WinCo on Farm Road). With funding from the UISC, Soil Stewards will be able to dismantle, relocate and rebuild two hoop houses, purchase irrigation and farming equipment, construct a classroom/storage building, install a sign and strengthen localized and environmentally conscious food systems. Partners: Soil Stewards and College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.
- **Kelsie Smathers**, a graduate student in Master in Family and Consumer Sciences. Her \$745.58 grant, entitled *“Savvy Finance Skills for Students,”* will educate the campus community on money management. Four presentations will be offered with the goal of helping students to re-think their current spending habits and to educate them how to manage personal finances now and in the future.
  - The Ins & Outs of Student Loans
  - Credit vs. Debit
  - Budgeting
  - InsurancePartners: the Student Success Center, UI Housing and the Department of Consumer Sciences.
- **Patrick Johnson**, a graduate student in College of Law. His \$3,340.60 grant, entitled *“Theopilus Tower Native Landscaping Project,”* provides soils for the native landscaping project on the raised bed surrounding Theopilus Tower residence hall. Johnson hopes to “create a culture on campus that recognizes the beauty of native landscaping and actively seeks out ways to implement it on campus”. Three Landscape Architecture students (Celeste Valle, Shuting Wang and Andrew Tyler) designed the tower native planting project. Student volunteers are re-planting on March 11, 2015 during UI’s annual Make a Difference Day. Partners: student volunteers, UI Landscape Architecture Department, Facilities—Landscape Services and the Palouse Prairie Foundation.

## Approximately how many students are served by or attend your programs and events?

The Sustainability Center serves thousands of students across UI through programs like GameDay Recycling, Food and Farm Composting and numerous collaborative events. For example, GameDay Recycling serves approximately 5,000 attendees at each home game and the Food and Farm Composting program serves all patrons of the Commons food court, Bob's Place and Denny's daily. In addition, UISC uses the whole campus as a living laboratory to engage students in addressing real world problems through volunteerism and service-learning.

- More than 51,000 students have attended, participated and been supported by UISC events, service-learning projects and volunteer activities from 2007-2014.
- UISC experienced a **26% increase in volunteers** from spring 2014 to fall 2014.
- In 2014, over 500 student volunteers contributed 1450 hours toward sustainability efforts on campus that are as diverse and creative as the UISC student staff who coordinate them.
- Over \$119,000 has been awarded to 41 student-led mini-grants since the program began in 2006. These projects help to institutionalize sustainable practices and to create a campus culture of sustainability.
- Our most popular volunteer program, Get Rooted, has engaged over 1600 student volunteers in replanting the Palouse Prairie and the UI campus with 3350 native trees, shrubs and groundcovers since beginning in 2007.

Our focus on participation, collaboration and listening to student opinions through campus [surveys](#) has allowed us to impact a broad spectrum of the university. For example, we have learned that:

- more than **88% of U-Idaho students agree that the University of Idaho needs to become a leader in sustainability** and 75% of students are willing to increase student fees to improve recycling;
- 69% of U-Idaho students surveyed want to eat student-grown produce on campus and 66% of students support a fee increase to help Soil Stewards, U-Idaho's organic farm, grow more local food for campus; and
- **92% of students surveyed would use water bottle refill stations** if they were installed throughout campus.

Rather than competing with other groups, we serve as an umbrella group for sustainability, supporting others and helping them fulfill their mission. Here are some examples of our collaborative partnerships.

- UISC is a founding member and supporter of the [Sustainability Partnership of the Northern Rockies](#) (SPNR). SPNR is a collaborative partnership among 19 higher education institutions in the Northwest dedicated to advancing sustainable practices.
- **Latah County Commissioners donated \$1000** to the durable-reusable stainless steel water bottle campaign.
- Almost **40 student groups** join the UISC, including the Environmental Club, Soil Stewards, ASUI, GPSA, SYNC, Residence Hall Association, Greek Life, Vandal Solutions, Vandal Cycling, Oxfam and many more.
- We partner with over **30 UI departments and programs** such as the Dean of Students Office, Department of Student Involvement, the Women's Center, Vandal Nutrition, Campus Dining, Facilities, Athletics, University Support Services and departments in all ten Colleges of UI.
- **We collaborate with more than 100 local businesses and non-profits**, including Avista Utilities, City of Moscow, Moscow Food Co-op, Follett Mountain Sports, Paradise Creek Bicycles, Palouse Conservation District and the Palouse Land Trust. This includes more than 70 energy evaluations for small businesses in Moscow, Lewiston and Coeur d'Alene.

## Does your student activity fee funded program also receive funding from other sources (and if so please include a brief description of the other sources)?

The bulk of our funding comes from student-fees and state-funding. UISC funding is supplemented by Facilities, campus and community supporters, small revenue streams, donations to the Tree Fund and the Sustainability Fund and external grants.

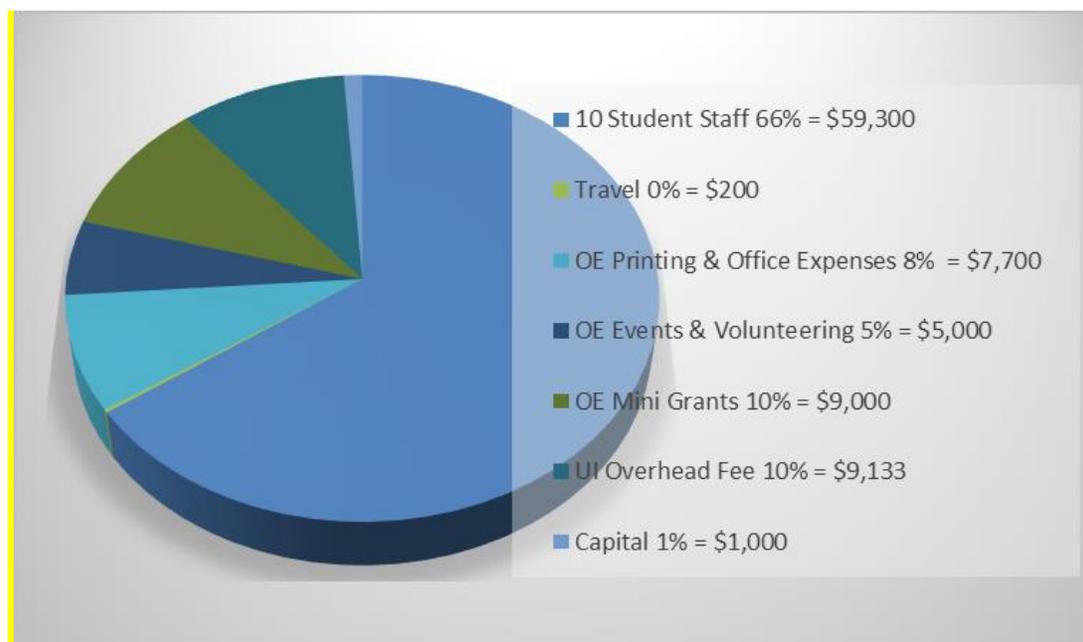
**The Sustainability Center serves as an umbrella group for sustainability. By collaborating with many campus and community partners we are able to leverage a relatively small annual activities budget of \$12,700 (printing & office expenses \$7,700 + events & volunteering \$5,000) into all of the programs profiled in this report.** For example, UISC has a long-standing tradition of partnering with the Office of the Dean of Students to provide incoming students with a stainless steel water bottle to encourage a culture of waste minimization. This year new partners (Latah County Commissioners, Facilities—Utilities and Engineering Services and individuals serving on the Palouse Basin Aquafer Committee) joined long standing partners (Department of Student Involvement, the Environmental Science Department and UISC) to collectively purchase stainless steel water bottles for incoming freshman.

On July 1, 2014 the Sustainability Center merged with Facilities—Utilities and Engineering Services and the resulting linkages are proving mutually beneficial to both organizations. The Sustainability Program Manager (Jeannie Matheison), tasked with overseeing the Sustainability Center, now reports to the Director of Utilities & Engineering Services (Gene Gussenhoven), who reports to the Assistant Vice President of Facilities (Brian Johnson).

Interim Provost and Executive Vice President (Katherine Aiken) awarded \$94,450 in permanent supplemental funding (REX300) which followed the UISC as it transitioned to Facilities. REX300 covers two administrative staff positions imperative to the long-term stability and leadership of the center. In addition, Facilities Administration provides fiscal and administrative support and Utilities & Engineering Services provides supplemental funding for sustainability initiatives, professional development for staff and additional support related to water and energy conservation.

Two facilities administrators, Brian Johnson and Gene Gussenhoven serve on the Sustainability Center Advisory Board, along with long time UI Sustainability Center advocate and former UI Sustainability Director Darin Saul.

The chart below shows how an estimated \$91,334 in Student Fee Funding is budgeted for FY15.



Have you received an increase to your student activity fee in the past three years and if so when, how much and for what purpose(s)?

The UISC has not requested an increase in student activity fee funding within the past three years.

What opportunities do you see for other funding sources and what are your plans in the future to find other revenue?

UISC will continue to seek external grant funds. Additional fundraising events are also a possibility. The need for sustainability programs will only increase over time. The UISC has become a permanent fixture of the university under Facilities—Utilities & Engineering Services.

- **Collaborative funding for campus sustainability efforts**—The UISC hosts over 100 events annually. Student fee funding is essential to launching new sustainable efforts and essential in encouraging student groups, university departments, colleges, businesses and local government to contribute administrative and financial support. Collaborative funding has been successful in establishing and maintaining campus composting, Earth Fest activities, Kibbie Dome Recycling and water bottle refill stations in the Commons to name a few.
- **Evolve: Ink and Electronic Recycling**—For this fundraising activity, UISC staff collect empty ink cartridges and old cell phones from 17 collection sites around campus. Ink cartridges are refilled and reused. Cell phones are reused, refurbished, or smelted down for metal and plastic components to be made into new products. A small amount of revenue is generated by this program.
- **Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee (PBAC)**—UISC staff serve on the PBAC committee which is a voluntary, cooperative, multijurisdictional group with representation from the cities, counties and universities in the basin. PBAC is charged with ensuring long-term, quality water supply for the Palouse basin region. UISC service to this committee led to a \$1,000 donation to UISC from the Latah County Commissioners.
- **Game Day Recycling**—A small amount of revenue is generated from recyclables collected.
- **Move Out (formerly known as “Freecycle”)**—Is being redesigned as a revenue generating program. In 2015 we will charge prices for donated items that are affordable for students while generating revenue to support future sustainability efforts on campus.
- **UISC Sustainability and Student Engagement Coordinator (SSEC)**—The SSEC is tasked with developing a robust service learning program with the aim of supporting UISC’s mission to institutionalize sustainable practices and to create an active culture of sustainability on campus. Programmatic connections to campus and community partners will broaden UISC’s impact and lead to new funding partnerships.
- **Zero Waste Events**—A new fundraising activity in development, Zero Waste Events is UISC’s new recycling and compost bin rental program for special events on-campus. Initial clients include the Jazz Fest, Vandal Friday and the CNR Fall Barbeque and provide opportunities for any campus and community event hosts.

## What changes do you see happening to your program in the next 5 years—what is your vision and how does it fit in the university’s strategic plan?

**Our vision**—Our program will continue to 1) expand and diversify student engagement opportunities, 2) further develop partnerships with student groups campus-wide to address sustainability issues and, 3) work with a broad spectrum of the campus community and operations staff to collectively institutionalize sustainable practices.

The UI Sustainability Center is coordinating U-Idaho’s response to national collegiate surveys (The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) STARS, Princeton Review and Sierra Club). These surveys rank universities based on sustainability efforts and provide a framework to assess all areas of campus:

1. **Education and Research** (co-curricular education, curriculum, research);
2. **Operations** (built environment, climate, transportation, waste, water, dining services, energy, grounds, purchasing); and
3. **Planning Administration and Engagement** (strategic planning, climate action plan, diversity and affordability, human resources, investment, public engagement).

Upon completion of the AASHE STARS survey, a multi-year project, the University will gain public recognition and the UISC will develop and implement a strategic action plan. In addition to public recognition, additional benefits to the university include process improvements, long term cost savings and carbon reduction.

On July 1, 2014 the Sustainability Center merged with Facilities—Utilities and Engineering Services. Facilities administrator and Assistant Vice President, Brian Johnson oversees directorates for built environment, parking and transportation, solid waste, recycling, water and energy services, grounds and the UISC. It’s incredibly fortunate that the directorates under facilities encompass the majority of AASHE STARS assessment categories. Synergies, linkages, coordinated planning and collective funding will prove mutually beneficial to the university and facilitate the University’s goal to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030, as outlined in the Climate Action Plan.

In December 2014, UISC hired a Sustainability and Student Engagement Coordinator (SSEC) Renee Hill. In addition to supporting UISC administration and the student-led Center, the SSEC is developing a robust service learning program as a new arm of the Sustainability Center. Service Learning is an educational strategy that integrates relevant community service with course content and critical reflection to connect learning to real-world applications, foster civic responsibility and develop effective partnerships. The UISC Service Learning program will provide opportunities across colleges, departments and disciplines that engage students in projects that support sustainable systems for:

- Biodiversity
- Built Environment
- Climate & Energy
- Composting
- Culture Change
- Environmental Justice & Social Equity
- Food Systems
- Recycling
- Transportation
- Waste Minimization
- Water

Campus and community collaborations created in this program will expand ongoing UISC activities, contribute to the reduction of our campus carbon footprint and help move the University toward achieving goals established in the U-Idaho Climate Action Plan.

**Strategic plan**—Our collaborations will enable the UISC to grow its campus and community presence through outreach and engagement activities in the coming years. These plans align with Goals 1, 3 and 4 of the UI Strategic Plan.

## What opportunities do you see for your unit and what challenges are you facing?

**Opportunities**—As mentioned above, our role collaborating with a broad spectrum of the campus and with the community will allow us to expand our partnerships and create integrative and experiential learning opportunities for students.

**Challenges**—We have too few resources to address seemingly infinite needs. Being in demand is a good problem to have, but demand for UISC support and help far exceeds UISC's capacity. To deal with this challenge, UISC has become adept at forging partnerships to make our resources stretch. We also choose our projects carefully, focusing on issues where we can have the most impact and engage students in creating real, on-the-ground change. Fundraising will remain a priority to bring additional resources to UI to address these needs.

Name of Unit Manager/Director: Jeannie Matheison

Signature of Unit Manager/Director

Date 1/23/2015



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Jeannie Matheison

UI Sustainability Center Program Manager.

## UI Sustainability Center Student Activity Fee Financial Information -- MP7001

	Actuals FY2013	Actuals FY2014	YTD Actuals plus Estimated FY2015	Estimated FY2016
<b>Beginning Balance:</b>	2,087.00	-	-	-
<b>Revenue:</b>	92,218.00	92,766.00	91,334.00	91,000.00
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
<b>Personnel Costs (Salaries and Benefits)</b>	61,829.00	65,720.00	59,300.00	59,300.00
Personnel Cost Narrative FY15: 66% of the student fee budget funds 10 student-leadership positions during the academic year and 3 student-leadership positions during the summer months.				
<b>Travel</b>	46.00	-	200.60	200.00
Travel Narrative FY15: Students are reimbursed for mileage when they carpool for Leave No Trace, a volunteer event that takes place in wild and scenic areas.				
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	11,084.00	19,046.00	12,700.00	12,700.00
Operating Narrative FY15: 8% of the budget, \$7,700 funds printing and office expenses and 5% of the budget \$5,000 funds UISC activities, events and volunteering opportunities.				
<b>Capital Outlay</b>	17,500.00	-	1,000.00	700.00
Capital Outlay Narrative: Capital is 1% of the budget. We have several computers in our office which are on a 4 year replacement cycle so we generally purchase one computer per year.				
<b>Other Expenses (Mini-Grants)</b>	3,846.00	8,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00
<b>UI Overhead fee 10% (FY15 and FY16 )</b>			9,133.40	9,100.00
Other expenses not included above narrative FY15: Each year the UISC awards 10% of the budget, up to \$9,000 toward student-led sustainability grant projects. The university charges student fee budgets an overhead fee of 10%.				
<b>Total Expenses</b>	94,305.00	92,766.00	91,334.00	91,000.00
<b>Ending Balance:</b>	-	-	-	-

Ending Balance Narrative: If salary saving are available at the end of the academic year we save it for programming needs, increase summer hours for student staff or save the money to replace equipment such as in-house printers.

# FALL EVENTS 2014

## MINI GRANT INFO FORUM

Thursday, September 10th  
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Common's Horizon Room

Have an idea for the next big project? Your ideas, our money. This year the UISC is awarding \$9,000 in grants to fund student-led projects that advance campus sustainability. Grants are available to any undergraduate, graduate or law student. Check out [uidaho.edu/sustainability](http://uidaho.edu/sustainability) for more info!

## LUNCHES WITH LEADERS

Wednesday, September 17th  
12:30 pm - 1:20 pm

Clearwater Room

John Foltz- College of Agriculture and Life Sciences  
Department of Agricultural and Life Sciences: Dean, Professor

This monthly lunch series provides an opportunity for students to meet with campus and community leaders in a small conversational setting. Learn from our speakers' stories and the journey they have taken to get where they are and how they have been able to incorporate sustainability into their lives. Lunch is provided.

## VANDALIZING THE KITCHEN

Wednesday, September 17th - PIZZA PARTY  
Tuesday, September 30th - COOKING WORKSHOP  
Wednesday, October 15th - DINNER ON A DIME  
Thursday, November 20th - BREAKFAST TO GO  
Thursday, December 11th - CLASSIC COMFORT FOOD

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
Student Rec Center Kitchen - Classroom 101

An interactive, fun and FREE cooking class for busy college students. All skill levels are welcome! Learn the basics of cooking delicious and nutritious meals quickly and on a college student budget.

## BIKE FIX

Wednesday, September 24th  
11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Outside Commons Pavillion

Get your bike fixed and learn how to do maintenance and repairs from professional bike mechanics! Best of all, it's all free!

## WATER SUMMIT

Thursday, October 16th  
4:30 pm - 8:00 pm  
Best Western University Inn  
1516 Pullman Rd, Moscow, ID  
10th Annual Palouse Basin Water Summit  
"Reimagine"

This year's keynote speaker is Charles Fishman, author of the award winning book *The Big Thirst: The Secret Life and Turbulent Future of Water*. You don't want to miss Fishman's keynote address as he tells us about his discoveries!

## DO IT IN THE DARK

Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> - GOT SEX?  
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Memorial Gym 109

Dr. Erin Chapman

A campus forum to promote discussion around issues of sexuality, reproductive health, birth control, social pressures, sexual practices and risky behaviors. What you can do in the light you can do in the dark!

Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup> - DINE IN THE DARK

ALL HALLOWS EVE

Bob's Place

To conserve energy, this month Bob's Place will only have the lights on during the evenings. On Halloween, we will "Dine in the Dark" for dinner as well!

Questions? Contact us at [UISC-EVENTS@UIDAHO.EDU](mailto:UISC-EVENTS@UIDAHO.EDU) or 885-0125

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

## GET ROOTED

- September 13
- October 4
- October 25
- November 8

Get Rooted is a program devoted to replanting the Palouse prairie with native trees, shrubs, and groundcover. You will learn the importance of native tree planting and we will demonstrate the proper tree planting procedures. Get Rooted is a fun and interactive way to spend part of your day.

## GET DIRTY

- September 6
- October 11

Come Get Dirty with the Soil Stewards, U-Idaho's student-run organic farm. Learn the ways of organic farming by composting, pulling weeds and harvesting veggies, herbs and flowers.

## FOOD & FARM

Monday - Friday  
9:30 am - 3:30 pm  
1 hour

Volunteer for 1 hour teaching and assisting Common's food court patrons to sort their lunch leftovers into composting, recycling and landfill containers and you'll earn a FREE meal complements of campus Dining. It's a win-win!

Volunteering is an hour long, starting on the half-hour, from 9:30 - 3:30 every weekday.

## LEAVE NO TRACE

- September 20
- November 15

Bring a friend & meet new friends as we travel to wild and scenic areas along the Snake & Clearwater Rivers, on Moscow Mountain or at nearby reservoirs to pick up trash and recycling, prune overgrown plant life, or do a little trail maintenance. The carpool will leave from Tri-State at 9:30 am. (9:00 am if we are going to Lewiston).

## GAME DAY RECYCLING

- September 13 (vs Western Michigan)
- September 27 (vs South Alabama)
- October 18 (vs New Mexico State)
- November 1 (vs Arkansas State)
- November 15 (vs Troy University)

11:30 am - 2:00 pm tailgate volunteers  
Kibbe Dome

Volunteer to mingle with tailgaters and to teach students and alumni how to recycle before home football games! Volunteers earn a free T-shirt! Find our tent between the student and alumni sections in the Kibbe Dome parking lot.

For more information or to sign up to volunteer  
contact us at [UISC-VOLUNTEERS@UIDAHO.EDU](mailto:UISC-VOLUNTEERS@UIDAHO.EDU) or 885-0125



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