Student Involvement in Campus Sustainability Efforts

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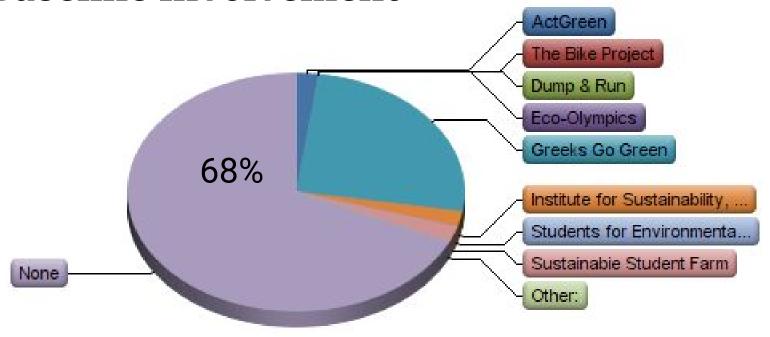
Background

- Small student presence compared to \$ students contribute to campus sustainability
- 68% of undergraduate students at the U of I are uninvolved and 56% unaware of campus sustainability efforts
- 20+ student groups dedicated to environmental sustainability - So why are the majority of students unaware they exist?



Source: Student Action | ILLINOIS. (2016). Retrieved from http://sustainability.illinois.edu/campus-sustainability/actionsinitiatives/getting-involved/

Baseline Involvement





Target Audience

- Primary Audience: UIUC undergraduate students
- Secondary Audience: Graduate students, faculty, staff



Focus Group

- February 26, 2016
- 4 male students, 6 female students

Findings

- Basic understanding of existing environmental issues
- Low degree of involvement in sustainability efforts
- Barriers included lack of awareness & poor advertising
- Motivation included peer pressure



SMART Goal

To increase University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign undergraduate students' involvement in on-campus environmental sustainability efforts from 32% to 37% by February of 2017. Subsequently, we are hoping to increase this involvement by another 8% (from 37% to 45%) by February 2018.



Positioning Statement

We want UIUC undergraduates to see involvement in campus sustainability efforts as valuable to society (e.g. by reducing energy waste and conserving natural resources) and beneficial to students' reputations as perceived by peers and future employers.



Theory

Personal Factors

Behavior

Environmental Influences

- Social Cognitive Theory
 - Audience must perceive benefits to outweigh costs + have self-efficacy
 - Focus on building a sustainability culture on campus
 - Learn self-efficacy by observing others



Product

Core product

 Interpersonal/individual benefits from involvement

Actual product

 Sustainability-related RSOs (membership & events) |
 "Orange & Blue Go Green"

Augmented product

 App tab; workshops & seminars on sustainability





Price

Monetary incentives:

- o "Greeks Go Green"
- Social media contest prizes

Nonmonetary incentives:

- Boosting resume
- Feeling of altruism
- Being valued and respected by peers







Place

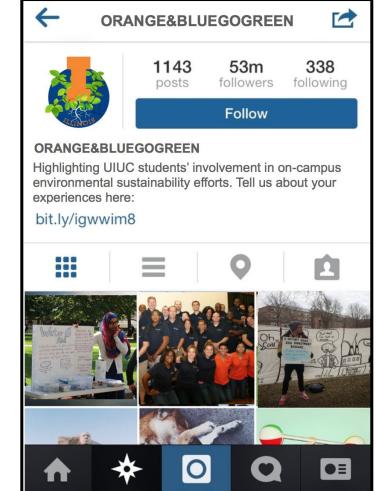
- Campus/School day event
- Quad Day
- Utilizing already existing on-campus sustainability efforts & related RSOs





Promotion

- Social media
- Posters
- T-shirt/hats
- Stickers
- Newspapers (Daily Illini)
- iSEE newsletter











Implementation Plan

Coordinating with other sustainability organizations

Promotional events



Making add-ons related to official app



Pre-campaign

Launch(year 1)

Year 2

Managing media (traditional & social media)



Budget Plan

- T shirts = \$10,000
- Hats = \$7,500
- Social media marketing = \$84,000
- Posters = \$5,000
- Stickers = \$500
- Newspaper = \$5,000
- Extension to Illinois app = \$5,000
 - Grand Total = \$117,000



Monitoring



Formative

- Motivators: Tangible rewards & peer pressure
- Barriers: Poor advertising & poor promotion of existing RSOs/events

Process

- Track social media reach
- Track media coverage
- RSO events & Quad Day





Monitoring



Outcome and Impact

- Year 1: To increase UIUC undergraduate students' involvement in oncampus environmental sustainability efforts from 32% to 37%
- Year 2: To increase UIUC undergraduate students' involvement in oncampus environmental sustainability efforts from 37% to 45%
- Impact: To increase the long term awareness of and involvement in environmental sustainability efforts among undergraduate students.



Evaluation Plan

- Pre-Post
 - O (baseline)
- Baseline results:
 - 68% of undergraduate students at U of I are uninvolved and 56% unaware of efforts
- Measure sample: UIUC undergraduate students
- Limitations





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Thank you for listening!



Any Questions?