# *Thank you for your commitment to green initiatives at the University of Illinois. One of the ongoing requirements listed in the terms of the funding agreement for your project is the submission of semesterly reports with key information about your project. In addition to this form, please provide additional financial documentation and/or progress photos if available.*

# *Please be as accurate as possible in describing the project (including possible setbacks or challenges in meeting the initial goals of the project). Not fully meeting your project's goals will not disqualify you from making future funding requests as long as your reports are as complete and accurate as possible. If you have any questions, please contact the Student Sustainability Committee, at* [*sustainability-committee@illinois.edu*](mailto:sustainability-committee@illinois.edu)*.*

**Project Name:** Friday Forum: Elevating Environmental Issues in Fall 2017

**Date of Report Submission:** 4/2/2017

**Project Purpose:**

DiversityEd will partner with the University YMCA to expand the scope and broaden the reach of the Fall 2017 Friday Forum series on environmental issues and solutions, ranging from climate change and policy to biomimicry and design. Our broad goal is to elevate environmental issues on campus and educate the campus community on how these issues intersect with social justice. We seek funding from the Student Sustainability Committee specifically for one or two high-visibility speakers, especially one keynote speaker, to elevate the 10-week series

**Detailed Accounting of Expenditures to Date:**

Speaker Fee for International Indigenous Youth Council: $5000 (Paid 10/25/17)\*

\*Charged to DiversityEd account; amount has not yet been transferred from the SSC Friday Forum account.

**Project Progress to Date:**

Two speakers were identified to speak during the Fall 2017 semester. However, due to a scheduling conflict with Bill McKibben, his talk was postponed until Friday, April 13, 2018. The first speakers, Thomas Tonatiuh Dominguez-Lopez and Wazhinguda Horinek of the International Indigenous Youth Council, spoke at the Friday Forum/Conversation Café on Friday, September 8, 2017 in a talk entitled “Standing Rock and the Power of Indigenous Youth Voices.” In addition, they screened a film with the Native American House on indigenous participation in environmental movements. Approximately 100 students and community members attended this event. In addition to this session, the Friday Forum/Conversation Café continued to focus on environmental justice, and saw nearly 1,000 participants (500+ students).

**Student Involvement and Outreach to Date:**

Students have been invited to attend the Friday Forum/Conversation Café series. In addition, the speakers from the International Indigenous Youth Council participated in a Sunrise Ceremony with students from the campus Native American community and spoke with representatives from the Students for Environmental Concerns and Green Observer student organizations. As mentioned above, approximately 50 students attended the “Standing Rock” talk led by the International Indigenous Youth Council, and approximately 500 students attended the 10 Fall 2017 Friday Forum talks.

**Marketing and Promotion Efforts to Date:**

Marketing via the Office of Inclusion and Intercultural Relations “Lunch On Us” calendars and the University YMCA marketing (e-mail, website, Facebook, etc.).

**Additional Comments:**

Any additional comments/relevant information for the semesterly report