

Dartmouth Sustainability Summit Executive Summary

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Sponsored by the Dartmouth Sustainability Initiative, Tuck Sustains, and Allwin Initiative at Tuck

Over sixty people gathered to hear presentations on current sustainability initiatives at the undergraduate level, Tuck School of Business, Thayer Engineering School, and Dartmouth Medical School providing new opportunities for ideas, discussion, and future collaboration.

The Summit had three main objectives:

1. To learn what projects, policies, and actions are being taken to promote sustainability at the College and Graduate schools:

The following speakers gave presentations on how their organizations are tackling sustainability:

- Marissa Knodel D'09, Dartmouth Sustainability Initiative – Sustainability Initiative mission; Planning, Facilities and Operations; Campus Culture and Student Programs
- Prof. David Peart, Biological Sciences at Dartmouth College – Sustainability Science and the Sustainability Minor
- Itamar Goldminz T'10, Tuck School of Business – Tuck Sustains & The Allwin Initiative: Vision, Projects, Best Practices and Challenges
- Prof. Chris Levey, Thayer School of Engineering – Thayer School Energy Indicators Display
- Prof. Benoit Cushman-Roisin, Thayer School of Engineering – Sustainability Initiatives in the Curriculum at Thayer School
- Elizabeth Dain-Owens Th'10, Michael Wood Th'10, Nick Edwards T'10, Thayer School of Engineering – Sustainability at Thayer: Student Initiatives
- David Harris, Facilities Manager, Dartmouth Medical School and DHMC – Energy Savings Initiatives/Projects at DMS
- Prof. Andy King, Tuck School of Business – Making the Rules as We Go

We would also like to use this opportunity to thank our speakers. All presentations are available on the Dartmouth Sustainability website: www.dartmouth.edu/~sustain.

2. To meet and connect with the students, staff, and faculty involved in sustainability:

An incredibly diverse group of over sixty people, including students, faculty, and staff from all four schools attended the Summit and shared a variety of perspectives, questions, and new ideas.

3. To identify current and future sustainability projects that share common goals and allow for greater collaboration:

The post-presentation Q&A sessions were complemented by an informal discussion after the keynote speech and a feedback questionnaire that included reflections on best practices,

suggestions for questions and projects raised during the presentations, and new ideas for collaboration. This feedback consistently raised several key themes and questions:

- **Stronger collaboration between the Thayer School of Engineering and Tuck School of Business**—We recommend creating a joint student-faculty committee from both schools that will detail specific initiatives under such collaboration.
- **A knowledge gap of providing sustainability guidelines as part of the schools' different orientation programs**—We recommend that Admissions officers meet with a sustainability representative to develop such orientation content.
- **A strong need for a communications technology platform that will facilitate deeper collaboration between the different members of the sustainability community to improve transparency around member projects, content knowledge base, and best practices**—We recommend that Dartmouth Computing Resources and Public Affairs help in the development of such a platform through some combination of a website, wiki, and social networking tools.
- **The challenge of turning successful, small-scale sustainability initiatives into integrated, campus-wide policies**—We recommend that the Sustainability Initiative work with the senior administration to define the process of translation from grassroots sustainability initiatives to institutional sustainability policies.

As we move forward, we reiterate Professor King's message that the interdisciplinary nature of sustainability science and policy requires collaboration between many diverse groups and individuals in order to make a significant difference.

We hope to keep this conversation active and productive. If you have any questions, comments, or ideas, please contact Itamar Goldminz and Marissa Knodel.

Sincerely,

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