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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Illinois Wesleyan University President Richard F. Wilson will sign the Talloires Declaration (T-Dec), a ten-point action plan for incorporating sustainability into all aspects of the University, on April 13 at 4 p.m. outside of the Multicultural Center (1405 N. Park St., Bloomington). The Sierra Student Coalition (SSC) will plant a tree in the center's front yard after the signing as the symbolic first act under the new declaration.

Over 300 college and university presidents worldwide have signed the T-Dec. The ten-point plan of the declaration is as follows:

1. Increase Awareness of Environmentally Sustainable Development
2. Create an Institutional Culture of Sustainability
3. Educate for Environmentally Responsible Citizenship
4. Foster Environmental Literacy For All
5. Practice Institutional Ecology
6. Involve All Stakeholders
7. Collaborate for Interdisciplinary Approaches
8. Enhance Capacity of Primary and Secondary Schools
9. Broaden Service and Outreach Nationally and Internationally
10. Maintain the Movement

With over 250 affiliated groups based in high schools and colleges around the country, the SSC is a broad network of student volunteers dedicated to protecting the environment and nurturing future environmentalist leaders. SSC is the student branch of the Sierra Club, which, founded in 1892, is the nation's oldest and largest grassroots environmental organization.

The IWU chapter of SSC is composed of a group of dedicated students interested in environmental sustainability on the campus, local and national levels. Since its inception in 2005, the chapter has conducted numerous projects at local parks, trails and organic farms. The group aims to promote the University's dedication to becoming an increasingly more environmentally friendly campus and to raise awareness of national and global ecological issues.

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