

Chancellor's Sustainability Committees Session
Monday, June 25, 2007

Name: Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Sustainability (CACS), University of California, Berkeley

Convened: February 2003, at 3rd Chancellor's Recycling Summit

Reports to: Chancellor (CACS receives guidance from VC-Facilities Services, VC-Administration and Vice Provost for Academic Planning & facilities)

Frequency of meetings: Monthly, from September to May; occasionally during the summer.

Membership composition:

- 6 students (nominated by Chancellor, Office of Student Life, Associated Students of the UC, Graduate Student Assembly, Campus Recycling and Refuse Services, Residence Hall Assembly)
- 3 faculty (2 nominated by Academic Senate, 1 nominated by the Chancellor)
- 8 staff appointments (one each requested from the following campus offices: Capital Projects, Environment, Health and Safety, Parking and Transportation, Housing and Dining, Physical Plant-Campus Services, Business Services and Chancellor, and the Office of the President.

Mission Statement: The Committee chooses projects and subcommittees based on the goals in the committee charter:

- To engage the campus in an ongoing dialogue about reaching environmental sustainability;
- To integrate environmental sustainability with existing campus programs in education, research, operations, and public service;
- To instill a culture of sustainable long-range planning and forward-thinking design.

Goals: The Committee advises the Chancellor on matters pertaining to environmental sustainability as they relate to the University of California, Berkeley, and promotes environmental management and sustainable development throughout campus, in academics as well as operations.

Funding: Chancellor's discretionary budget, transmitted through Vice Chancellor for Facilities Services. Temporary funds have been provided each year since inception, with amounts based on anticipated projects and availability. Funding for fiscal year 04/05 = \$97,000; for 05/06 = \$50,000; for 06/07= \$ 139,000. CACS funding requested for 07/08= \$90,000, with significant other sustainability-related funding requests submitted by other campus units (e.g., funding requests for a full-time Sustainability Director and Sustainability Coordinator).

Structure: The CACS committee is co-chaired by one student and one faculty or staff member. The Committee has topic-specific subcommittees and an Executive Committee. The Executive Committee assists the CACS co-chairs in general operation and policy. Subcommittees form in response to interest of committee members and in alignment with the CACS mission. Subcommittees have included:

- Outreach/Awards/Summit Subcommittee - hosts the annual sustainability summit, for which it solicits nominations from campus, and at which it presents Campus Sustainability Awards. Also handles all outreach to campus and beyond pertaining to CACS mission and activities.
- Green Building/Clean Energy- guides activities to develop Berkeley's Green building/Clean energy potential and implementation of the Presidential Policy on Green Buildings/Clean Energy (GB/CE).
- Environmentally Preferable Purchasing (EPP) Subcommittee- newly convened influence both on-campus and system-wide strategic sourcing activities, with the goal of integrating EPP into purchasing decisions.
- Chancellor's Green Campus Fund (Green Fund) administers the Green Fund, solicits and reviews applications for grants, awarded at the annual Sustainability Summit, and coordinates with the Berkeley Environmental Alumni Network (BEAN).
- Climate Task Force Planning group

Major Activities/Events:

- Regular monthly meetings with presentations by student, staff, faculty and other groups.

- Annual Sustainability Summit on or near Earth Day
- Campus Sustainability Award recognition program
- Administer Chancellor's Green Campus Fund grants program
- Administer campus Sustainability Intern Program
- Occasional workshops, participation in campus planning and design sessions, sponsorship and partnership with other campus groups.
- Regular subcommittee meetings

2006-07 Accomplishments

- Organized and hosted the 2007 Sustainability Summit, including Campus Sustainability Awards
- Drove the development of proposed full-time positions for Campus Sustainability Director and Sustainability Coordinator (currently under consideration by campus executives)
- Provided input and guidance to the "Cal Climate Action Partnership" ("CalCAP") along with other campus groups, resulting in the Chancellor committing to reduce campus carbon dioxide emissions to 1990 levels by 2014.
- Provided coordination of Chancellor's Sustainability Intern program, with 10 student interns working across 8 sustainability topic areas, including development of Life Cycle Analysis (LCA) tool to inform building choices.
- Coordinated and monitored the distribution of Chancellor's Green Grant Funds to support several sustainability projects across campus, and selected awards for similar grants in 07/08.
- Supported the first campus Sustainable Transportation Fair, which involved a variety of vendors and local transit agencies.

Prior achievements

- Sustainability Summits, including Campus Sustainability Awards, Presentation of Green Fund grants and presentation of 2005 Campus Sustainability Assessment to Chancellor.
- 2004: Campus Sustainability Assessment comprised of 32 indicators in 9 systems, the product of extensive collaboration between students, faculty and staff. Available at <http://sustainability.berkeley.edu/assessment.html>
- Launch of CACS website, with full access to the 2005 Campus Sustainability Assessment, background documents, and much other information related to sustainability.
- Successful funding of first set of Chancellor's Green Campus Fund projects. Funding supports innovative efforts to create a more sustainable campus. CACS selected proposals from students, faculty, and staff.

Future Plans (confirmed and potential):

- Expand the intern program.
- Expand the Campus Sustainability Summit in 2008, moving to a larger facility.
- Assist with the recruitment of a Campus Sustainability Director and a Sustainability Coordinator to work cooperatively with and be advised by CACS.
- Update the Campus Sustainability Assessment every 2-3 years, pending sufficient funding.
- Further develop the staff process to prioritize larger project opportunities outlined in the assessment.
- Use assessment and life cycle analysis/costing to justify repair of aging campus infrastructure. Funding for deferred maintenance may be more easily defended based on resource consumption savings and potential payback periods.

Other aspects: The Berkeley Environmental Alumni Network (BEAN) has been established to mobilize the environmentally minded alumni of UC Berkeley to influence academic and administrative processes through philanthropy, public review, and community involvement in campus sustainability initiatives. <http://sustainability.berkeley.edu/BEAN.html>.

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