

Sustainability Change Agent Meeting Notes:

February 20, 2008

9 am – 10 am PF Learning Center

Announcements:

- The Central Coast is now home to a new chapter of the US Green Building Council: The California Central Coast Chapter (C4). This chapter supports a group called “Emerging Green Builders”: a club for students and young professionals interested in green building, green building careers, and LEED Professional Accreditation.
- Sustainability Coordinator Katie Maynard made an announcement regarding the UC/CSU/CCC Sustainability Conference being held at Cal Poly SLO in July. The cost has increased by \$100 for staff and faculty. Fees are waived for speakers, so Gauchos are encouraged to share their experiences by submitting a proposal to sustainability.calpoly.edu/proposals
- Associate Vice Chancellor Marc Fisher reported on the latest updates on the Executive Summary for the Campus Sustainability Plan. The document has received input from UCSB administrators and Bren School faculty and deans. The Chancellor is reviewing the document, and it should be close to full acceptance. Marc plans to take the executive summary to the senior officers meeting next week.
- Marc also reported on the new Associate Vice Chancellor for whom sustainability will represent 30% of their job description. He hopes that the end of March will see both a new AVC and acceptance of the Campus Sustainability Plan.
- David McHale will be the new Associate Director for Utilities and Energy Management. Jill Richardson is the new Campus Sustainability Coordinator and TGIF Manager.

Presentations:

- Campus Sustainability Manager Perrin Pellegrin gave an overview of the LEED EB Portfolio Program. With this approach, UCSB hopes to document many LEED credits as “campuswide” (meaning they take place in all buildings across campus) in order to streamline documentation, lower cost, and free up time staff time to concentrate on improving individual building operations. UCSB is one of three universities currently in this pilot program.
- Energy and Sustainability Coordinator Ryan Schauland gave an update on goals, progress, and tracking of greenhouse gas emissions. UCSB is on its 4th year registering emissions through the California Climate Action Registry. Energy conservation has had incredibly positive results, and a continued, anticipated increase in funding should help UCSB meet its bold goals.
- Lab Manager Allen Doyle and student James Tur of LabRATS gave a presentation regarding their goals and accomplishments on laboratory assessments for sustainability. They have had excellent results and their major barriers are

- promotion and communication. See <http://sustainability.ucsb.edu/LARS/> or contact Allen at doyle@lifesci.ucsb.edu
- Recycling, refuse and IPM manager for Facilities MaryAnn Hopkins introduced UCSB's new trial recycling program piloted in a few buildings on campus to start:
 - The program seeks to meet the goals laid out by State of California and UCOP: 50% diversion rate by 2008, 75% diversion by 2012, and zero waste by 2020.
 - Office pack will continue to go in the blue clip-on receptacle and be emptied by building occupants into the centrally located green cylinders.
 - All compostable, organic, and food waste must be thrown away in kitchens and bathrooms. This will reduce pest problems and prevent food waste from spoiling recyclable materials.
 - Normal office trash can's will remain and be used for co-mingle recycling. Aluminum, plastic, glass can be thrown into the trash cans and the trash will be separated at the MarBorg facility by hand.
 - Occupants are still encouraged to patronize the outdoor recycling "berthas". This waste stream is much higher quality and costs the university less money.
 - The new sustainability coordinator/TGIF grants manager, Jill Richardson, introduced herself and gave an update on TGIF:
 - They are at the halfway point of the 10 projects funded during the previous grants cycle. All are progressing well and on track to be completed by the end of the 2007-08 school year. One is already complete (Greenhouse and Garden Program).
 - They are currently in the middle of determining awardees for the 2008-09 funding cycle. Nineteen proposals were submitted requesting a total of ~ \$530,000 – the committee only has \$160,000 to work with. Thus, not everyone will be awarded funding.

Next meeting will be in April.