Notes from the Sustainability Working Team March 15, 2006

Attendees:
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Campus Sustainability Plan:
Purpose: Everyone liked the purpose after changing the word “growth” to “operations”:
*Facilitate long range campus operations in a sustainable manner.*

Objectives: Scott Mackenzie/Perrin will continue to work on developing this section

Mission: Everyone in the group was happy with the final mission statement, discussed in the last SWT meeting.

*The University of California, Santa Barbara will become a steward for our community and a global leader for sustainability through education, research, and action.*

Vision: We decided not to include a vision statement. Scott suggested an abstract be developed and felt the plan was our vision.

History: It was decided the history would have a few sentences about the long standing history with environmental movements and leaders, i.e. First earth day, environmental studies program, etc. It would then continue describing student activism, greening operations, being a leader in sustainability in the UC, etc.

Section 3 Indicators: We discussed using Paul Wack’s planning class to help with assessing indicators.

Group templates are due on Friday April 28, 2006. From these templates we will pull the necessary information out to write up Section 4- Change Agent Group- of the plan.

We discussed potential recommendations for the plan:
- Organization
  - Committee instead of Office of Sustainability
  - Placing the “committee in the right place”
  - Placing a coordinator under each Vice Chancellor
  - Administrative Services might have more coordinators than other divisions
  - Have a higher level person oversee the program
  - CPC has a seat for a “sustainability coordinator”
- Communication was seen as the key component to a successful implementation to the plan.
• Standing report on sustainability, any document the campus develops should have language on what the campus is doing with regards to sustainability
  - indicate campus commitment to sustainability
• If Sustainability initiatives can be implemented simply within the operations that are already in place, a simple integration approach will go a long way, not as much resistance to the program if done that way

Katie brought up funding for sustainability
  Ideas that came up:
  • When getting funding we should make sure it is the “right color of money”
  • Each unit on campus commits resources
  • Funding should be in the core budget

UC/CSU Sustainability Conference
• Budget was completed, cost for the conference is $360 plus housing
• An announcement went out to over 2,000 people that registration opened.
• Anticipating 500 attendees