

Academic Senate Sustainability Curriculum Winter 2008 Progress Report

Agenda Items for 2007-08, The Year of Sustainability at Cal Poly

(Each agenda item has been tied to one or more Talloires Declaration (TD) action items)

Organize visioning retreat on sustainability at Cal Poly and report in Spring, 2008 (TD Action Items 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, and 9) – **ASSC Lead: Kate**

- Retreat was held February 23, 2008 with Ruth Rominger facilitating. Over 80 people representing many of Cal Poly's stakeholders participated: students, faculty, staff, administration, 5 College Deans, as well as external constituents (i.e. employers, local non profit, and local politicians). The report and recommendations will be presented to Provost Durgin in early April and presented to the Academic Senate in April. The subcommittee met on a weekly basis to plan and determine focus of event and met a number of times with Provost Durgin and twice with Bruno Giberti to capture their input on the event.

Put forth a recommendation for an Office of Sustainability (work with Sandee Ogren on funding) (All TD Action Items, especially 6 and 10) – **ASSC Lead: Harvey**

- Recommendation and possible resolution continue to be refined. Was discussed with the Sustainability Advisory Committee on 12/13/07 to solicit their response and support. The topic was again visited by both committees in March. Committee will determine how to move forward with both and will seek input from Provost Durgin early in Spring quarter as part of report from retreat.

Provide input on sustainability at Cal Poly concerning Access to Excellence (All TD Action Items, especially 1, 6, and 10) – **ASSC Lead: Margot**

- No action taken

Provide input on sustainability regarding WASC self study (All TD Action Items, especially 6) – **ASSC Lead: None**

- No action taken.

Provide support for and participate in relevant events, such as Focus the Nation (TD Action Items 1, 2, 5, 6, and 7) – **ASSC Lead: Steven and Ben**

- Event was a huge success. Over 4,500 students attended the full day teach in.
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UC, CSU, CCC Sustainability Conference (TD Action Items 1, 2, 4, and 7) – **ASSC Lead: Margot and Neal**

- Committee continue to support Margot. Planning is well underway

Organize Earth Day events (ongoing) (TD Action Items 1, and 2) – **ASSC Lead: None**

- Supporting student effort to host Robert Swan and plan an Earth Day event.

Develop the Cal Poly Sustainability homepage: sustainability.calpoly.edu, the portal for all things sustainable at Cal Poly (TD Action Items 1, 2, and 10) – **ASSC Lead: Lou and Harvey**

- Have developed an outline and determined minimum cost, will write proposal and request funding early Winter, 2008. Received approval from Provost Durgin to move forward.