

To: Cal Poly Academic Senate
From: Kate Lancaster
Chair, Sustainability Committee
Re: Winter, 2010 Progress Report
Date: March 26, 2010

The Committee met every other week during Winter quarter. Progress was made on a few of our 2009-10 agenda items. It has been somewhat challenging in that many people are stretched thin and any contributions they make are in addition to their other responsibilities. Most committee members were actively involved with the committee's activities.

2009-2010 Agenda Item	Progress Made During Winter Quarter
Procedures	Procedures were written, vetted with committee, and submitted to the Academic Senate Executive Committee.
Work with CTL to provide Faculty Workshops designed to integrate sustainability into current courses	No workshops were offered this quarter.
The Sustainability Book Club/Reading Group.	ASSC member Marx coordinates monthly meetings (First Friday of month, Library, Room 510, 10am-Noon). The intent of the reading group is to foster interdisciplinary conversations and create a space to potentially generate interdisciplinary course offerings (27 faculty from all colleges have participated). This quarter's books were Cradle to Cradle by William McDonough, Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder by Richard Louv, March 5 2010--Down to the Wire: Confronting Climate Collapse by David Orr. Summaries of each are available at http://sbccalpoly.pbworks.com/FrontPage .
Developing an assessment portfolio for the SLOs	Braun prepared a draft assessment instrument and has incorporated feedback from the committee. Lancaster has developed a questionnaire to test in her class. Braun also worked with colleague to assess student understanding of sustainability. Committee understands there is a very limited budget, so need to formulate ways to do assessment that doesn't take many resources.
Website – rollout and maintenance	Website is currently being reviewed by a number of stakeholders and is nearly ready to be put on calpoly.edu. Elliot and his team have done a very good job. The academic end could use some fleshing out.
Suscat update	Still in progress – committee members met with Miles Clark, Mary Whiteford, and Rachel Henry to develop a plan. Clark has initial responsibility. However, this is not his primary duty, so progress has been slow.
First year experience	Campus recruiting provided list of companies that recruit at Cal Poly; this list was matched against listings of “sustainable companies” and will be forwarded to Campus Recruiting. Campus Housing will use the list to identify potential speakers. Committee member Lancaster made a sustainable business and personal sustainability presentation in one of the dorms.
Sustainability Curriculum, Programs, and Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – AED Dean Tom Jones met with committee for further discussion on sustainability-related strategic planning initiatives. – ASSC member Hartrich informed Committee that Empower will be hosting a week-long Focus SLO around Earth Day. ASSC members have offered assistance. – Two sustainability-related press releases were submitted to AASHE and were included the weekly bulletin. – Committee wrote letter to Presidential Search Committee requesting that support for sustainability be a priority for our next President. – Committee discussed funding opportunities other campuses have identified and possibilities for Cal Poly.