

## April 2010 Sustainability Forum

Wed, April 14, 2010 | 6:00pm-7:30pm  
60 Evans | Free Food, Open to All Students, Bingo  
game with Prizes



### Summary:

The April 2010 Sustainability Forum was smaller than usual, but attendees were able to have a very informative Q&A session and discussion with the multitude of speakers there. With 12 presenters whose foci ranged from a renewable energy think tank (Terrene Synergetics) to a new online exchange program (<http://exchange.berkeley.edu>), the forum gave students a chance to learn what was accomplished this semester by environmental campus groups and what to look forward to. The Strawberry Creek Restoration Project (SCRIP) announced that its volunteer-based efforts will be continuing over into summer, while the Berkeley Student Food Collective (BSFC) reminded the audience of the tasty sandwiches they sell on Mondays next to The Local, a student-run farmers' market on Upper Sproul. Some news that was brought up included the 1<sup>st</sup> publication of Naked Bear magazine by the DeCal Class Food Sustainability Journalism, the ending or renewal of the beverage contract UC Berkeley has with the Coca Cola Company, the increase in money received by The Green Initiative Fund (TGIF), and the call for students to be a part of The Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Sustainability (CACS), a group of faculty, staff, and students dedicated to environmental management and sustainable development on campus.

As each of the presenters took the stage with their two PowerPoint slides, attendees listened carefully in order to cross off words on their meeting bingo

sheets and after all the presentations were given and prizes, like reusable, compact utensils and a Chico bag, were handed out, everyone was able to chat, snack, and mingle on organic fruits, vegetables, and crackers.

### Downloads:

1. Information sheet available.
2. PowerPoint presentation available.
3. Notes from speakers and audience available (see below)

### Photos:

Posted on Facebook Page, click [here](#) to view album.

### April 2010 Sustainability Forum Notes

Please see the April 2010 Information Sheet or April 2010 PowerPoint presentation for more club and contact information.

### ASUC Sustainability Team (STeam)

- Earthweek is coming up, there are a lot of events
- Visit [earthweek.berkeley.edu](http://earthweek.berkeley.edu) for more information

### Berkeley Student Food Collective (BSFC)

- If you would like to help, there are positions or opportunities to work in outreach and fundraising,
- Will be continuing efforts over summer, summer opportunities and activities available
- It is a student-run food collective, worked with lawyers to gain non-profit status
- store operations board, taco taqueria, subway coming in the fall
- BSFC provides cheaper, more delicious, healthier sandwiches, It is a new student start-up
- Wants to be mobile food, sell sandwiches, people towels,

### Residential Sustainability Program (RSP)

- Works in the residents to help educate others on sustainability issues ranging from waste reduction, water usage, energy reduction,
- Both paid and unpaid positions in the program,
- Partners with RSSP, Green Campus, and ReUse
- Current campaigns includes urban camper (Tupperware, reusable water bottle, reusable utensils)
- Now hiring for next semester, 5 coordinators, one for each residential unit
- Also hiring for next semester 3 supervisors to oversee the coordinators and volunteers

### The Green Initiative Fund (TGIF)

-Every year there is a quarter million dollars to be handed out in grants  
-grants range from \$1000 to \$91,000 (\$91,000 was given to BSFC)

### **BicyCal**

-does free bike repairs, Monday and Friday on Sproul, free maintenance, they are funded by TGIF

### **Society for Agriculture and Food Ecology (SAFE)**

-Hosts individual personal workshop  
-Gain skills, hosted a sourdough making workshop  
-Had a mushroom hunting activity  
-Currently doing a speaker series, reading, seeds, planting ideas  
-Author, Lisa Hamilton, her book is called Deeply Rooted, She took up a vacant lot and grew an urban garden, she writes about experience  
-Hosts lots of potluck, lots of food, talk about food industry, mini-series, how-to make butter, do-it-yourself activities  
-Has a zine called Lettuce Turnip the Beets

### **Strawberry Creek Restoration Project (SCRIP)**

-Once a month there is an ivy pull, anyone is free to join, drop by! Help remove invasive plant species, students restorative leaders learn more about project students  
-get involved, you and/or an organization can adopt-a-creek type thing like adopt-a-highway/freeway  
-You or your group would be in charge of keeping a part of Strawberry Creek clean  
-If you have a large group, fraternity, sorority, club, that would like a volunteer activity, organize a Strawberry Creek volunteer day! Your party can spend time volunteering.  
strawberrycreek.berkeley.edu  
-there is a decal, every Spring,  
<http://www.decal.org/courses/1410>  
-Tyler Grinberg will be working as coordinator of a native plant nursery and garden between Giannini Hall and Wellman Court to support the restoration of Strawberry Creek, he needs volunteers to help out over summer, volunteer opportunities, get involved  
-Engineers for a Sustainable World (ESW) are involved/ partners with the nursery  
-Contact Tyler Grinberg, email  
[t\\_grinberg@berkeley.edu](mailto:t_grinberg@berkeley.edu)

### **Dining Sustainability Education Coordinators (DSEC)**

-Involved with the Naked Bear Magazine, a guide to food sustainability, this will be its first year of publication  
-Magazine made possible by the \$10,000 Brita grant  
-DSEC is funded by Cal Dining, involved in food sustainability, Magazine is a journal, contains epicurean features, stories  
-Students in the deCal chose their own research topics, focused on difference aspects, i.e. meat consumption, vegans don't eat honey, diverse topics, 24 pages, comes out on Earth Week, passed out on Sproul  
-DSECs helped push Cal Dining to go trayless, after doing a food waste audit, going trayless reduced food waste by 16%, significant amount to push Cal Dining  
-Being a DSEC, you can implement big changes, see the changes, very flexible, you get to choose what you want to change, pursue, make more sustainable  
-DSEC does a lot of tabling, posterings  
-They are looking for volunteers next Fall, school year  
-They will be hiring in September, while volunteers are needed now and upcoming semesters to help flyer or tabling at the dining commons (DC's), needs help with distribution of magazine  
-DSEC is not a student group, Representatives of Cal Dining, sustainability interns, do research, waste reports, interns create own projects, very relaxed, but big influence  
-lighting audits were done, figure out why the lights are on when they don't need to be  
-Crossroads is all CFL's, DSEC and Cal Dining are trying to switch to natural when applicable  
-Looking for help putting the Bear Naked Magazine together, looking for writers, taking it up next semester

### **Online Materials Exchange (exchange.berkeley.edu)**

-Students, staff, and faculty exchanging unwanted materials, just like a UCB craigslist, more safe, only with Berkeley community  
-free to register for site, only UCB people can access  
-Respond to postings about furniture, miscellaneous,  
-there is also a forum, must have Berkeley.edu email address  
-Exchange helps keep material within a community,  
-Launched on Earth Day, first 50 people get a custom made exchange mug, raffle and cash prize  
-Its near the end of the school year, time to get rid of your stuff so put it on the exchange.berkeley.edu

### **Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Sustainability (CACs)**

- OCEANS for Earth Week, SAVE MY OCEANS tour
- Help CACS out and take the [survey](#)
- Come to the 7th Annual CACS Sustainability Summit in 4-6pm in Sutardja Dai Hall, campus panel
- Will be recruiting soon for Fall semester
- CACS members help plan the sustainability summit
- Tells students about resources on campus
- In charge of Green Fund Grants
- the committee meets once a month, being on the committee is really helpful because you get access to a lot of great, influential people who can give great advice, it is a great way to help students turn ideas in to actual projects
- CACS, 20 students,
- 7 year old committee, 1<sup>st</sup> institutionalized body on sustainability, Works with a range of projects,

### **Terrene Synergetics**

- New club, it is a collaborative think-tank
- Students have their own focus, research deeply and passionate about their topic and then share information with others, discussion and meetings
- Breakthrough institute, form a network

### **Berkeley Energy Resources Collaborative (BERC)**

- Gives windfarm tours
- big network with professors, graduate students, other undergraduates,
- Lots of lectures to attend, events, annual symposium
- Workshops and career and graduate school panels

### **Building Sustainability @ Cal (BS@Cal)**

- Creates a culture of sustainability
- Deals with the built environment/greening buildings about waste reduction, energy saving efforts, water reductions
- Co-facilitates a service learning class on sustainability
- Hires students to work to reduce waste, water, and energy
- GO TEAM is a greening operations team, it is BS@Cal's army that is deployed out to work at events doing trash talking (tells people how to dispose of trash properly)
- paid and volunteer positions available

### **UC Berkeley Office of Sustainability**

- Forum is hosted by the Office of Sustainability to bring together all those interested in the environment, bring together clubs that share similar causes to increase collaboration, Forum made possible by TGIF

- Become of the Office Facebook, Get on the Office's monthly newsletter to stay updated on sustainability, campus sustainability, opportunities, jobs, events, news, stories, no spam, only once a month online
- Currently HIRING, student webmaster position (\$12-\$14/hr), email [Stoll@berkeley.edu](mailto:Stoll@berkeley.edu) for more information

### **Extra Information**

- The beverage contract with Coca Cola and UCB is about to end, if you would like to be a part of the new contract proposal, there is a working group for it?

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