

March 2009 Sustainability Forum



The poster for the May 2009 Sustainability Forum features a green background with a yellow border. At the top, it says "May 2009 Sustainability Forum" in blue and white text, with the tagline "bringing those from who care about the environment together" in small white text below. On the left is a circular image of the Earth with green grass at the bottom. To the right of the Earth image is a green box with white text providing event details: "Wed, May 6, 2009 12:00pm - 2:00pm 104 GPB (Genetics and Plant Biology Building on North Side next to Pat Brown's) Open to everyone! Drop by to discuss or just chat with the Director of Sustainability!". To the right of this box is a smaller box with a photo of three people talking and the text: "Topic: How can clubs stay in constant communication with each other? Hosted by the Office of Sustainability". At the bottom, it says "To learn more, visit <http://sustainability.berkeley.edu/OS/SustainabilityForum.htm>".

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Summary

On May 6, 2009, the second spring 2009 forum was held in 104 GPB from 12:00pm-2:00pm. It was an informal meeting between the Office of Sustainability and students where the agenda was to follow up on a topic that was brought up at the March 2009 forum: how can clubs stay in contact with each other? This was the first forum to be advertised through Facebook where attendees could RSVP online. There was also an online forum that attendees could post on before and after the forum.

The forum was originally designated to answer these following questions:

How can we keep up to date with other clubs' plans and events?

How can we coordinate events together and be visible?

How do we identify key people and maintain networks?

Is there a website that we can use (BIE Enviro Portal)?

How do we stay in effective communication and collaboration without losing autonomy?

However, these were briefly answered as the majority of the discussion came from students expressing their opinions and suggestions about specific sustainability projects on campus. Some projects that were brought up were a potential water bottle refilling campaign developed by two MBA candidates and Earthweek, which was hosted by Sustainability Team in coordination with several other student groups. Though the issue of a lack of communication between environmental student groups surfaced at the forum, the problem of a lack of contact and exchange between the graduate student community and the undergraduate student community on sustainability took center stage. This dilemma was attributed to the different schedules that graduate and undergraduate students face when sustainability events, like the forum, take place. To finish, the BIE Enviro Portal interns suggested the need for an online communication tool between environmental club leaders on campus, possibly through a communal blog.

This event was sponsored by the Office of Sustainability and made possible by The Green Initiative Fund (TGIF).

To view the Facebook event page for the March 2009, click [here](#).

Notes from the March 2009 Forum

None available. See summary.

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