

Dec 2009 Sustainability Forum



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Sustainability
Forum!**

Wed, Dec 2, 2009
12:00pm-1:30pm
9 Lewis
(North Side of campus,
Across from Hildebrand Hall)
There will be snacks!

Talk about **sustainability issues**. Hear what
other **students and groups are doing**. Chat
w/ the Director of Sustainability, Lisa McNeilly.

No need to stay the whole time- just drop by!
RSVP to our Facebook event!
Visit sustainability.berkeley.edu/OS/SustainabilityForum.htm

The Sustainability Forum is hosted by the Office of Sustainability and made possible by TGI.

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Summary

The Office of Sustainability hosted its Dec 2009 Sustainability forum in 9 Lewis from 12:00pm-1:30pm on Dec 2, 2009. The 2nd forum of the semester is always an informal meeting between those who are interested in sustainability and the Office of Sustainability to come together to increase synergy among various organizations, get questions answered, and address any sustainability issue.

Both graduate and undergraduate students dropped by during the time interval to talk with peers about sustainability- what's coming up, what efforts have been made, and what successes and problems people have come across. Snacks were provided and environmental student group representatives gathered together to exchange information.

The sustainability forum was open to everyone and those who weren't affiliated with any organization were still able to reap benefits from the forum.

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

Notes from the Dec 2009 Forum

**The following information was spoken by various attendees at the forum on Wednesday, Dec 2, 2009 and has been edited for clarity by Joanna Young. If you would like further elaboration on the notes, please contact Joanna Young at joannayoung@berkeley.edu.*

- The [Office of Sustainability](#) offers a monthly [Bright Green monthly newsletter](#). Please sign up on our [list-serve](#) to stay updated on [UC Berkeley sustainability](#).

- UCB should consider using reclaimed water from irrigation and look at grey water options
- Setup pipe stuff, guerilla grey water, rainwater harvesting- Can be applied to Co-ops, Residential Halls, needs to have visibility. People need to see how the actual collecting
- See something unsustainable at UC Berkeley? Email sustainability@berkeley.edu.
- UC Berkeley Sustainable Foodservices Working Group- dealing with packaging, for more information, read the article in the [Sep 09 newsletter](#). Cal Dining's Foothill location went a la carte and resulted in food waste reduction though students complained about portions and sizes and unnecessary combos
- [Berkeley Student Food Collective](#) might be offering a Spring semester DeCal about Global Food. Check <http://www.decal.org/courses/index.php> for updates, might be selling healthy sustainable sandwiches for convenience in a convenient location
- [CALCAP](#) Class- taught by 3 grad students- spring class, CALCAP is "collaboration of faculty, administration, staff and students working to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions at UC Berkeley" because "[t]he campus has committed to reducing its greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to reach 1990 levels by the year 2014" ([CALCAP](#)).
- [BIE](#) – Berkeley roundtable of and for faculty while the [BIE Enviro Portal](#) is a great student resource because it posts Enviro Events, has a list of classes to take sorted by sustainability issue
- If your organization needs a webpage, contact BIE at info@bie.berkeley.edu
- Parking lot runoff to irrigate from below Grinnell Glade, south
- Someone suggests that West Circle is water wasting? Over watering?
- Figuring out cost to university, benchmarking, dramatic water reduction, severe drought, low-flow toilets-30%-40%
- No fountain, no irrigation, took cans of water, using ground water
- [The Green Initiative Fund](#)- Submit your green project today to get funding! Apply for a grant by Tuesday, Jan 19, 2010. Contact Nicole Leung for more information.
- Green Campus – is continuing its vending miser program which decreases the amount of energy used by vending machines, has a new laundry campaign in dorms where they encourage residents to always use cold water for whites and colors, students don't know the difference that whites means they are using hot water, colors means cold water. they are creating educational stickers to post
- [ReUse Campus Materials Exchange](#) has ReUse stations are all around campus, you can pick up FREE binders, paper clips, paper, envelopes, and much more. Save yourself money and be eco-friendly!
- Grey water on campus, [Grey water Alliance](#), 2 mile project in CA, policy things, residential houses
- Heat exchanger or water head, washing machines, multiple rinse cycles, use water from previous load for next load, commercial machines
- Reading room, lighting audit, when to turn off light, RSP & Green Campus exchanged incandescent light bulbs for CFLS, went door to door in the dorms and collected 520 incandescent light bulbs
- Radio journalism [KALX](#)- interested in student radio show → training program, good experience & pre-taped, contact Sandra Watson if you want your own green radio show, commit to one 30min show, show is every other week, doing something similar, multiple people is ok, interviews and various topics

- RSF machines, try to use machines to collect and generate energy, machines use X amount of watts, its all about the designing, you could try to replace components, we are trying to do 28, treadmills are responsible for 14% of the energy usage occurring at gym, its very energy intensive, bicycle not easy to turn into power source, 2 KW/per 1 hr for a treadmill which is like a laundry dryer.
- <http://hpg.berkeley.edu/> -Human Powered Gym is an undergrad and grad student group- RSF is actually quite energy efficient, they replaced their lights and 500,000 KW dropped, they also have timers.
- Human waste as compost? What do you think?
- [City Slicker Farms](#)- a nearby source of fresh delicious produce
- Composting on campus
- [The Berkeley Project](#)- offers a spring volunteer day, get involved in landscaping
- Suggestion: Recycle bin redesign, have it say landfill rather than trash
- Survey take it, a student design group is working on designing green office supplies like or for Staples eco-friendly product line
- [Berkeley Energy Resources Collaborative](#) (BERC) is having its March Symposium, learn about renewable energy and get on the BERC list-serve
- [CALPIRG Berkeley](#)- Among other issues, CALPIRG works on global warming solutions, is currently having 2 Global warming related campaigns, they are doing more legislative work, working more locally like petitioning in Oakland, Please pledge, 0 net energy
- [Building Sustainability @ Cal](#) is offering classes for Spring, ES 198, email sustainabilityatcal@gmail.com if you are interested in greening buildings.
- Cal Dining auditing, [Food Journalism DeCal](#) is being offered in Spring, help create and contribute to a food sustainability magazine, will begin in Feb, 1-2 hr at night, publish by Earth Day (April 22nd)
- Cal Dining is focusing on vendor recycling, we want changes packaging, going trayless, reduced 14% food waste, maybe no trays in future
- Clark Kerr Garden? Victory Garden is temporary and will be moved, Where did the food go? No one knows where it went. People need to make the connection, plant the food, know where it goes.
- [The Local](#), Student Farmer's Market every Monday, Lower Sproul. Cheap prices.
- SAFE, [Society of Agriculture and Food Ecology](#) offers a zine
- RSP- Residential Sustainability Program
- Have a garden, helps with long term goal, in order to have a rooftop garden, roof needs to be in good shape for garden, needs to reinforce roofs, more probable and possible for new buildings
- Rooftop gardens are good options for new buildings, LEED buildings
- Composting- [How to request](#) (good for organizations, parties, and various events), put in a work order, you have to provide your own composting bag, student store hopefully may sell individual biobags, Call Lisa Bauer for composting. It does cost money.
- Check Green Event Certification appendix when hosting an events and more information about composting
- You can get compostable bags in Andronicos bulk food section or buy them at grocery stores (Andronicos, Berkeley Bowl, Bear Market, Whole Foods)

- Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Sustainability ([CACS](#)) has a CACS Digest, goes out to different groups
- Get on the [BIE newsletter](#)