

UC Berkeley Sustainability Timeline – A 12 Year Retrospective

2001: First UC Berkeley Recycling Summit held. Residential Sustainability Education Coordinators (RSECs) program formed.

July 2003: The UC Regents signed the “Green Building Policy and Clean Energy Standard” the first sustainability policy for the University of California.

October 2003: The Chancellor’s Advisory Committee on Sustainability (CACS) formed. 59 kilowatt photovoltaic system installed on the MLK student union, funded by the Graduate Assembly and ASUC.

April 2004: CACS holds first Sustainability Summit.

October 2004: BEAN, the Berkeley Environmental Alumni Network, held their first event.

April 2005: The first UC Berkeley Campus Sustainability Assessment was completed. First Sustainability Award and Green Fund Grant winners announced.

May 2005: The Sustainable Water Plan for UC Berkeley was completed.

November 2005: First campus residential Green Room opens for tours.

April 2006: The Cal Climate Action Partnership (CalCAP) was announced. Crossroads certifies organic-certified salad bar – the first on an American university campus.

September 2006: New major in Society & Environment major created in the Department of Environment Science, Policy, and Management. The campus releases its first Bicycle Plan.

Spring 2007: The student fee referendum for the Green Initiative Fund (TGIF) passes by 69%.

March 2007: UC President Dynes signs the American Colleges and Universities Presidents Climate Commitment (ACUPCC).

April 2007: The CalCAP Feasibility Plan was released and Chancellor Birgeneau committed the campus to reaching 1990 GHG emission levels by 2014.

November 2007: UC Berkeley adopted a Statement of Commitment to the Environment.

January 2008: The UC Berkeley Office of Sustainability was formed.

April 2008: Haste Street Child Development Center is first of ten LEED certified building projects (to date). Chancellor Birgeneau testifies before the Committee on Environment and Public Works, United States Senate.

July 2008: The campus Strategic Energy Plan is completed, outlining almost 200 energy efficiency projects that the campus is implementing.

October 2008: The second Campus Sustainability Assessment is completed, and the campus commits to report annually on sustainability metrics.

March 2009: The 2009 Climate Action Plan is completed.

April 2009: The campus certified the first Green Departments and Green Events.

July 2009: The Campus Sustainability Plan is published.

2010: Goal of reducing fuel use from fleet and commute by 25% was met and exceeded; use is currently 30% below 1990 levels.

April 2010: The BEARS Initiative – a campaign to revitalize Lower Sproul, emphasize sustainability, and promote student interests – was passed.

Spring 2010: UC Berkeley doctoral students began submitting their dissertations electronically.

November 2010: The Berkeley Student Food Collective opened the doors to its new storefront in the fall.

February 2011: Cal Energy Corps is launched.

April 2011: Chancellor Birgeneau committed to reducing potable water usage by 10% by 2020.

May 2011: The Strawberry Creek Restoration Program opened a new native plant nursery.

June 2011: Cal Dining achieved Marine Stewardship Council certification for their seafood purchases.

Fall 2011: WORKbright green staff sustainability training offered for first time. Campus installs 800 exterior LED lamps in all of the iconic exterior lampposts.

October 2011: ReUSE hosted Free Days with Building Sustainability @ Cal, CRRS, and Capital Projects to reuse furniture from the recently vacated Campbell Hall.

January 2012: Cal Student Store stops selling bottled water.

April 2012: The Energy Management Initiative launched, including real-time energy dashboards for over 80 campus buildings.

May 2012: The Green Initiative Fund surpasses the \$1 million mark in grant awards.

June 2012: Campus is first university to commit to Plastic Disclosure Project.

August 2012: Maximino Martinex Commons opens as the campus' newest residence hall and including our second renewable energy installation (solar thermal water heating). The Li Ka Shing Biomedical and Health Sciences Center wind LEED Gold and is the 10th UC Berkeley building to earn high marks from the U.S. Green Building Council.

October 2012: UC Berkeley student wins a national student research award from AASHE.

April 2013: CACS holds its 10th Annual Sustainability Summit.