California Higher Education Sustainability Conference
by: Bond Walker, Public Relations

At the end of June, the Green Campus Program attended the California Higher Education Sustainability Conference. The conference was a great tool for the interns. On the Sunday before the beginning of the conference, we got to meet fellow interns from the other 19 Green Campus Programs. During a Green Campus half day meeting, we had the chance to learn from the other campuses as well as gather feedback about our upcoming projects.

At the conference, the interns got to listen to lectures from other California campuses and representatives within the green industry. The conference was also an opportunity to showcase our projects as well. The Cal Poly SLO Green Campus Program received this year’s CSU Best Practices Award in Student Sustainability. Cal Poly San Luis Obispo was awarded two Best Practices awards as well as one honorable mention. The interns got an amazing chance to listen and talk to a career panel that helped us understand how sustainability can be transitioned into more than just an interest but into a career.

Green Campus Certified Workplace Certification
by: Ravi Sahai, Team Manager

During the months of June and July, the team began its pilot certification in the 1st Floor of the Facilities Services Building. With assistance from Dennis Elliot, Assistant Director of Energy, Utilities, and Sustainability, the team has nearly completed its audit of the facilities. After the team completes the energy and water audit, it will submit a report to facilities detailing the audit and the improvements that need be made. Based on the audit and the implementation of suggested improvements, facilities will receive a certification, ranging from silver to platinum level. The Green Campus Certification is similar to the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) system, with buildings receiving points for policies and procedures promoting sustainability, such as replacing all incandescent lamps with CFLs or LEDs and configuring printer preferences to use 2 sided printing as the default print setting. The goal of the program is to complete certification of all nine departments in the Administration and Finance Department by June 2011, and expand to the rest of the workplaces on campus in the following year.
For-Credit Interns
by: Bond Walker, Public Relations

This Fall, we are looking to expand our for-credit internship program. We are looking to have at least 4, for-credit interns to assist with campaigning for our Poly Canyon energy competition as well as helping with conducting office sustainability audits as part of our ‘Green Campus Certified’ project. We gained a lot of student interest in the program at the spring 2010 Green Job Fair. We look forward to following up with these students to recruit for the for-credit positions.

Poly Canyon Energy Competition
by: Ravi Sahai, Team Manager

With Fall Quarter beginning in less than two months, the Green Campus Team has begun preparation for the second annual Poly Canyon Village Energy Competition. Last year’s competition was a huge success, involving 2,700 students and 9 buildings, and resulting in $9,800 in total cost savings. In order to prepare for the upcoming year, Green Campus has submitted and received approval from University Housing to install additional metering for the administration space and office space in Buildings A and E. During last year’s competition, the team struggled to estimate the usage of these office spaces that do not reflect student usage, and were forced to make numerous adjustments to account for the consumption of these spaces. The installation of these meters will greatly improve the Green Campus Team’s ability to monitor student usage and provide the students with accurate information about their daily consumption. To advertise the competition, informational fliers and magnets will be placed in every apartment before students move in, and Green Campus will be tabling in the plaza in the fall. The team hopes to build upon last year’s success, engage more students, and achieve greater savings than the previous competition.

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GREEN CAMPUS 2010 SAVINGS

| kWh savings: 26,668.2 | Therm savings: 546.24 |
| Water savings (gallons): 207, 925.56 | CO₂ savings (lbs): 21,318.9 |
| Dollars saved: $4,947.04 |