During the past academic year, we have achieved many accomplishments for our PowerSave Campus Certification campaign! We were able to complete the certification of our first academic department building, Agribusiness, with the help of one of our key stakeholders, Neil Macdougall. The department was able to achieve a PowerSave Campus Certified – Silver rating and gave us a lot of insight into how we can adapt our certification process to the academic departments.

The past quarter we have also started and will be finishing the certification of the University Graphic Systems (UGS) department. As a “commercial printing & digital imaging enterprise run by highly trained graphic communication students,” UGS wants to focus on the sustainable methods of printing. UGS’ certification process was also very different from our other certifications because of the many large printing presses they use and the unique way in which they operate them which differs from most of the other departments on campus. As a result, we focused on ways in which UGS can further improve their already sustainable methods of printing and recycling. As the certification comes to completion by the end of this month, the department has already earned enough points for the PowerSave Campus Certified – Gold rating.

Next year’s focus for the project will entail the certifications of other academic departments on campus, as well as continuing to update the certification checklist to better match each department’s individual attributes.

Jeremy Dong
We had our annual Spring Stakeholder Meeting on May 2nd. This was a smashing success with record attendance, and there were some great new ideas for our program in the future. At the conclusion of every stakeholder meeting we have a thirty-minute discussion where we ask our stakeholders for their ideas about future project and areas they feel we could improve. This is my favorite part of these meetings because our stakeholders are so knowledgeable in their area of expertise, and they suggest great project ideas.

Some suggestions from our last meeting included working on building data proposals, educating our campus about the new building dashboard system installed in the Red Brick Residence Halls, and explaining the significance of the LEED certificate signs on many of our buildings. A few other ideas included holding energy competitions between administrative and faculty buildings, serving as a gateway for students in search of senior projects, and serving as a resource for faculty to respond to the CSU Chancellor’s Office “Campus as a Living Lab” proposal. The Campus as a Living Lab grant opportunity will award up to $12,000 to CSU campuses to help develop sustainability-related academic projects or the creation of an interdisciplinary learning community focused on sustainability. Another idea is to have a competition between the different academic colleges to come up with the most creative way to make Cal Poly a more sustainable campus.

Thank you to all of our stakeholders, and thank you for your wonderful feedback. Please shoot us an email at powersavecampus@calpoly.edu if you have any other project initiatives you would like to discuss, and we would love to talk.

Ellen Chambers
MR. ECO HITS THE ROAD

Mr. Eco traveled to Tennessee on May 15th-16th for a PowerSave Campus conference at Sewanee, University of the South. The PowerSave Campus Program is currently being implemented at six colleges through funding by the Tennessee Valley Authority. Unfortunately, funding will be ending in August, so the conference mostly focused around planning the next steps for continuing their programs independently.

Mr. Eco performed the first night of the conference and gave a presentation on Cal Poly San Luis Obispo’s “Red Brick Energy Competition” focusing on the marketing of Mr. Eco and Polly the Polar Bear. It was awesome to meet interns from the other side of the country and see how they run their programs. There is a lot of work to be done in the South towards sustainability, but they are on the right track! It was an honor representing the California PowerSave Program campuses at the conference for the Alliance to Save Energy!

The team is continuing its work on the Building Exterior Lighting Retrofit project, documenting all building exterior lighting fixtures on campus with the idea that the exterior lighting will be upgraded to a new, more efficient technology like LEDs or induction fluorescents. Currently, the team has finished identifying and analyzing the exterior lighting information of 13 buildings, recording the location of each light on the building’s floor plan, and the power rating, voltage, run time, and type of light in an excel spreadsheet. To make sure that the type of light and power ratings are recorded correctly, the team has been working closely with electrician Ben Johnson to double check our information. With progress on the project continuing smoothly, the team hopes to have all buildings on campus completed by the end of June.

Ravi Sahai
On May 16, Mr. Eco performed for students in the University Union plaza during UU hour. His performance featured songs off of the new album, “Hybrid Hip Hop” as well as some old favorites like “Turn ‘Em Out” and “Bottles are for Babies.” Mr. Eco’s performance was greeted with much enthusiasm, especially from a large group of children from ASI’s Children’s Center, who were invited on-stage for some eco-trivia and a dance competition. Polly the Polar also made an appearance, joining Mr. Eco onstage for “Turn ‘Em Out” and busting out some incredible energy-saving dance moves. Polly also spent some time with the kids, joining them for a dance circle and teaching them some of Mr. Eco’s favorite dance moves. During Mr. Eco’s performance, PowerSave Green Campus interns tabled in the UU, handing out reusable bags and cups and talking to students about different ways to save energy and water. **Ravi Sahai**

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**NEW SWAG FOR A NEW YEAR**

In order to be prepared for next year, the PowerSave Campus team is looking to order some new swag. For the past year, we have given out reusable cloth bags, reusable cups, and pens made from recycled plastic water bottles. For next year, we are looking to purchase sunglasses, reusable and biodegradable coffee mugs, and tank tops. All items will include the new PowerSave Campus logo and the sponsor logos. As the design intern, I am also working on creating a unique design for the tank tops, which will be a specialty give-away item.

We are looking forward to seeing students sport the new swag around campus, and we hope that the new look will help boost awareness of the PowerSave Campus Program, as well as encourage students to conserve water and energy. **Mariah Linnett**

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**QUICK UPDATE: METRICS**

Stakeholder meeting: 12 stakeholders • Mr. Eco’s UU performance: 165 students • Mr. Eco’s school tour: 5100 students