The Campus as a Living Lab
Sustainability & Facilities Services for Academics

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What is “Sustainability”?

- Sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

- Triple bottom line:
  - “People, Planet, Profits”
  - 3 E’s: environment, equity, economics

Interdisciplinary by nature!

- Hospitality Management
- Philosophy
- Communications
- Marketing
- Chemistry
- Human Services
- Sociology
- Public Policy
- Kinesiology
- Chicana/Chicano Studies
- Interdisciplinary Studies
- Geography
- Ecology
- Biology
- Earth Sciences

300+ students served & counting...
Why is it important?

Culture Shift/Core Value

National Recognition

High Impact Practices
Service Learning
Green Workforce Development
Hands-On Projects
- **AASHE Membership (campus-wide):** aashe.org

- **Living Laboratory Services:** Native Gardens & Campus Urban Farm, Net Zero Center
  - Volunteering/Service Learning
  - Tours, possible lecture topics

- **Volunteer & Academic Internships**
  - Sustainability Club (Torolink)

- **Data:** utilities, energy, water, recycling
Research Topics

- Understanding and affecting user-behavior
  - Do you know what’s recyclable? Do you buy produce from the Farmers Market, why or why not?
- Understanding campus needs
  - What would make you more likely to (recycle, buy produce, etc.)?

Events/extra-credit opportunities

- Motivator for students to participate and engage with the campus.
Next Steps/Requests

- Formation of a cross-college task force with formal representation in the Sustainability Committee charter (in progress)

- Fill out self-reporting survey for sustainability activities live at: https://www.csudh.edu/sustainability/campus-initiatives/academics/
  - Bonus: you’ll receive a letter that will be looked upon favorable during the RTP process

- Look at how curriculum can be directed to make a real difference on our campus. Take advantage of our resources!
Thank you!

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