New CSF Projects Approved!

The Campus Sustainability Fund (CSF) committee approved the first round of projects for 2011-2012. Five projects received funding, amounting to a total of $172,160.

The projects include a Biodiesel Student Cooperative, a living Green Wall, a parking lot Bioswale, a new on-campus Green Waste Composting Facility, and a Student Sustainability Service Learning Liaison.

Check out the UW Daily Article "Sustainable Growth" for more details.

Almost $70,000 is available for the second round of projects. Student groups can apply for smaller event based funds on a weekly basis if applying for less than $2,000. Send your project description and request to csfcoord@uw.edu.

The deadline for Letters of Intent for all projects over $2,000 is February 20th.

Final approved projects will be announced in early May.

For more information visit csf.washington.edu, Email uwcsf@uw.edu Follow the CSF on Twitter @uwcsf or on Facebook.

Call for Husky Green Award Nominations

Do you know someone who demonstrates outstanding leadership, initiative, and dedication to environmental stewardship and sustainability at the University of Washington?

Nominate that person or team today for a Husky Green Award! Students, faculty, staff and teams at all three UW campuses are eligible to be nominated.

The 3rd annual Husky Green Awards will be presented during HuskyFest at the Earth Day Celebration April 20th, 2012 in Red Square. Submit your nominations online by March 26th.

Award recipients will receive a plaque in their honor made from recycled glass, a certificate of recognition, and a unique gift such as a tree planted in their name.

Learn more about the Husky Green Awards at: green.washington.edu/hga.
Husky Stadium's Green Renovation

“One of the primary focuses of the Husky Stadium renovation is the sustainability of the project.”

The Husky Stadium renovation incorporates several green initiatives to lessen the environmental impact of the project, including utilizing Salmon-Safe best management practices in order to be Salmon-Safe certified. One of the project goals is to recycle, reuse, or salvage for reuse 96% of waste and debris; waste and debris will be separated onsite. In addition, the Football Operations Building is pursuing LEED Gold certification. Learn more at: www.huskystadium.com/greeninitatives

In partnership with the ESS office, the UW department of Intercollegiate Athletics was awarded a $3,500 grant to be used toward the reduction of game-day waste at Husky football games (more).

Departmental Recognition

Facilities Services Central Maintenance Zone replaced a manual & chemical process for cleaning air and water system equipment with an automatic & non-toxic parts washer. The machine not only protects employees from chemicals, but also is better for the environment, and saves time. Read more in the Facilities Services Newsletter.

UW Mailing Services offers Junk Mail Reduction Services on campus. If your office is receiving mail addressed to a former employee, go to f2.washington.edu/fm/c2/services/mailing/reduce-waste to stop mail for that person. Mailing Services will notify the sender and prevent future mail from being sent.

Facilities Health Sciences Academic Services & Facilities and Laboratory Services have been tracking their recycling efforts! From January to September of 2011, they recycled 701 pounds of pipette tip boxes! Of that total, 190 pounds were recycled in September alone!

Send us your story oess@uw.edu

Jason McLennan Speaks to UW

The Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability Office, in partnership with UW Educational Outreach, Housing & Food Services, and Capital Projects Office are proud to host a lecture by Jason McLennan, the CEO of the Cascadia Green Building Council and founder of the Living Building Challenge. Jason will discuss major trends in green building and the broader sustainability movement, as well as his personal transformation to a sustainable lifestyle. More information can be found on the sustainability website: green.washington.edu/jason-mclennan

Thinking Like a Planet: Living Examples Toward a Viable Future

Tuesday February 21, 4:30 pm, Savery Hall Room 260
HP PurchasEdge Update

The UW Paper Conservation Team and the UW Purchasing Department have partnered with Office Depot and HP to provide qualifying campus departments with a free printer upgrade!

Through the HP PurchasEdge program, the University has acquired a limited number of free printers to offer to campus units which are willing to explore ways in which they can reduce their paper consumption and help conserve energy.

This program has already replaced 20 printers in shared areas. Please fill out our HP PurchasEdge survey to find out if your department qualifies for a free upgrade.

For more information about paper reduction at the UW, visit: green.washington.edu/eng age/paper-conservation.

New Certified Green Offices!

Ten offices have been certified as a Green Office since the launch of the program in September!

Offices certified as Gold scored at least 85% overall. These offices are Emergency Management, the Environmental Stewardship & Sustainability office, Libraries Purchasing & Supply, Recycling & Solid Waste, and Transportation Services.

Offices certified as Silver scored at least 70% overall. These offices are the UW Botanic Gardens, the Center for Urban waters in Tacoma, the Evans School of Public Affairs, Facilities Services Southwest Maintenance Zone office, and Student Fiscal Services.

Congratulations to these offices and thank you for your sustainability efforts! Learn more about the program at green.washington.edu/gre en-office

Sustainability Awards

EPA WasteWise Honorable Mention

Thanks to Recycling & Solid Waste and the UW community for combined efforts to increase waste diversion to 58%. This diversion rate, along with our waste diversion programs, earned UW an Honorable Mention in the College/University category from the EPA.

Green Purchasing Award

Office Depot recently awarded the University of Washington with its 2011 Leadership in Greener Purchasing Award. Total spend on products with greener attributes are reviewed and compared with total overall spend, with UW outranking all other Universities.

UW’s First International Sustainability Ranking

University of Washington participated in the University of Indonesia GreenMetric Ranking. For our first international survey, we placed 26th.

Check out more UW Sustainability Awards green.washington.edu/promote/uw-awards.
IMA Solar Panels

Did you know that the Intramural Activities Building (IMA) has solar panels generating renewable energy on its roof? Installation was completed in June 2011. The on-site power generation reduces the annual net energy consumption by 10% every three years. Check out the “SustainAbilities” case study on the Capital Projects Office’s website f2.washington.edu/cpo/sustain.

Students Host a Green Tea Party

On a monthly basis, students from different environmental groups on campus are gathering in the name of collaboration and networking for what they are calling a “Green Tea Party.” This informal gathering allows each student group to share what they are doing, ask for advice or resources from others, and quickly learn what others are doing. If you are a student, and would like to get involved in the UW green tea party, contact oess@uw.edu or search for the event on Facebook: UW Green Tea Party.

Upcoming Events

Environmental Career Fair
February 15, 2012
11:00am - 3:00pm
Mary Gates Hall Commons
Learn about Internship & Career opportunities (more)

Thinking Like a Planet
February 21, 4:30 pm
Savery Hall, 260
Jason McLennan speaks about major trends in green building and the broader sustainability movement (more)

Union Bay Natural Area Restoration Work Parties
Wednesdays 3:00pm
Union Bay Natural Area
Hands on restoration work with students on campus.

UW Environmental Innovation Challenge
March 29, 2012 1:30 pm - 7:00 pm, Seattle Center
Interdisciplinary student teams compete in a cleantech problem solution for $10,000 (more)

UW Trash-In
April 11, 2012
Red Square
An annual hands-on fun and educational trash-sorting event (more)

View more events at: green.washington.edu/promote/events.

Submit a story...

Students – come to us for resources related to sustainability, share your events with us, or submit a story idea on what you’d like to see in our newsletter.

UW Departments – submit updates or stories to this newsletter about what your unit is doing to make UW more sustainable.

Everyone – let us know about other sustainability events or projects on campus, email oess@uw.edu.

Interested in helping to plan Earth Day? Sign up here.

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