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Sustainability at Pacific Lutheran University

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PLU Sustainability Milestones

- 1994, February** – Students Jeanette Dorner and Lisa Bakke with Jill Whitman attend Campus Earth Summit at Yale University
- 1994, Spring** – PLU Environmental Issues Committee established to address concerns related to landscaping mitigation for Mary Baker Russell building and other issues
- 1994, May 6** – Sharon Aller brought to campus by Environmental Issues Committee to discuss recycling programs and other campus practices
- 2000, April 3** – Signed University Faculty Environmental Policy Resolution, presented to the Faculty of Pacific Lutheran
- 2001, September** – Presentation of Environmental Services recycling program and Environmental Studies curricular program at Greening of the Campus IV Conference
- 2002, Spring** – Campus Sustainability Committee formally established
- 2002, Fall** – The Russell Family Foundation grant awarded
- 2003, Summer** – First Campus Water Sustainability Fellowship—Mike Henson
- 2003, June 2-6th** – *Water Sustainability Workshop* with student, staff, and faculty representation
- 2003, Fall** – The Russell Family Foundation second grant awarded.
- 2003, September**– The expansion of sustainability teaching across numerous academic disciplines
Campus operation personnel incorporated into courses as guest instructors in various courses on campus.
- 2003, September 8th** – President Anderson discusses E. O. Wilson’s *The Future of Life* during convocation
- 2003, September 18-20th** – Presentation of progress at Greening of the Campus V Conference
- 2004, Spring** – Sustainability Committee Publicity Campaign
- 2004, March** – Campus printing switches to 30 % post consumer recycled paper for copiers and printers, 10% post consumer recycled paper for off set printing versus virgin paper. Testing of 50% recycled content for printers and copiers in progress.
- 2004, April 22** - President Anderson signs Talloires Declaration
- 2004, April** - Campus Water Sustainability Fellows (2) for Summer 2004 awarded—Kelly Fahl and Michelle Stark
- 2004, June 1-4th** – Campus Sustainability Workshop with student, staff, and faculty representation
- 2004, June 17-18th** – EFS Puget Sound Workshop
- 2004, October 21-23rd** – PLU presentation at North American Sustainability & Higher Education Conference in Portland

- 2005, January 4th** – Ground breaking for MORKEN, a LEED Silver Certified 55,000 sq ft facility
- 2005, Spring** —Students collect 1000 signatures to raise awareness for the Talloires Declaration
- 2005, April 8th** – Talloires Declaration resolution is approved by PLU faculty
- 2005, May-June** – Third Annual Water Sustainability Workshop
- 2005, September 15-17th** – Presentation at Ball State Greening of the Campus
- 2005, November 18th** – Presentation at EFS Workshop
- 2005** - Sustainability goals addressed in the Campus Master Plan
- 2007, Spring** - Students pass an ASPLU resolution to implement a semester fee to support cost of Green Power
- 2007** – PLU becomes charter signatory of American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment
- 2007** – “Recycler of the Year – Institution of Higher Education”, Washington State Recycling Association
- 2007, September** —began composting pilot project with LeMay
- 2007-2008**—Policy that all new campus construction be built to at least the US Green Building Council’s LEED silver standard written into Campus Master Plan
- 2009** – Official formation of the Sustainability Office, merger with Environmental Services
- 2009** – Completion of 1st Greenhouse Gas Inventory for 2008/09. Total Net Emissions @ 23,117 MT CO₂E
- 2009** – Reed Ojala- Barbour begins his Sustainability Fellowship in habitat restoration, receives grants from Green Partnership Fund and Greater Tacoma Community Foundation
- 2009-2010** – “Northwest Conference Champion”, EPA Green Power Challenge
- 2009** – Completion of 2nd Greenhouse Gas Inventory for 2009-10. Total Net Emissions @ 20,314 MT CO₂E
- 2010** - Sustainable Endowment Institute Highest score in the country awarded to PLU
- 2010, June** - ORCA regional transit pass offered in an effort to get employees onto mass transit by subsidizing the cost of the pass for all employees with benefits.



Reed Ojala-Barbour '11, talks with Fred Tobiiason, professor emeritus of chemistry, during the dedication of the Fred L. Tobiiason Outdoor Learning Center at PLU on Monday, April 18, 2011.

2010, August - Zipcar services added to campus, a unique car-sharing service for PLU students, faculty, and staff ages 18+ that provides affordable access to low-emission vehicles by the hour or day.

2010, September – PLU is the first university to ever submit a Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS) Report, which scored Silver

2011 - Bicycle Cooperative re-started as part of Sustainability Fellowship; moved to Harstad

2011 – Third Biennial GHG Inventory; carbon dioxide emissions down 17% from 2008 -2009 levels. Total Net Emissions @ 19,131 MT CO₂E

2011 – PLU places 15th in North America in RecycleMania contest

2011, February – PLUs governing student body, ASPLU, passes student Resolution 6, banning bottled water from PLU Marketplaces

2011, March – President Anderson dedicates the Fred L. Tobiason Outdoor Learning Center as a formal campus location

2012 – Bonneville Environmental Foundation Solar Grant awarded to PLU for a 7.6 kWh solar array to be installed on Facilities Management, a kiosk to be installed in the AUC, and curriculum to be implemented in local schools.



PLU Facilities Solar Array

2012 – PLU places 11th North American RecycleMaina contest.

2013 – Addition of Sustainability Lead FTE staff position adds programming and management capacity to Sustainability Office

2012 – PLU places 14th out of 523 schools in the North American RecycleMaina contest.

2013 - Chrissy Cooley, presents on PLU's Bottled Water Ban at AASHE conference



2013, October – Incumbent President Krise reaffirms PLU's commitment to ACUPCC by resigning.

2012 & 2013 – Chrissy Cooley awarded two *RCMmy's* for the Puget Sound Energy Resource Conservation Manager annual awards; only RCM to ever receive two *RCMmy's*

2013, March – PLU submits a second STARS report, score rises from Silver to Gold status

2014, January – PLU selected as a finalist for the 2014 Second Nature Climate Leadership Award. National marketing opportunities available. Decision to be made in Spring 2014. All finalists will be highlighted at the 2014 ACUPCC Presidential Summit.

2014, February – PLU co-hosts the first biennial Washington State Higher Education

Sustainability Conference (WAESC) to be held at Western Washington University. Presentations from three PLU faculty and one student as well as inclusion of two posters.

2014, March – Co-organizing the South Sound Sustainability Expo at the Tacoma Convention Center