



# Green Departments for a Sustainable Campus Community

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# What is a Green Department?

## ▶ Program Overview

- ▶ In 2009, the Office of Sustainability and Energy began offering Green Department Certification.
- ▶ The program recognizes campus departments that have taken extra steps to be more sustainable.
- ▶ The program outlines specific actions that each department can take in order to become certified.
- ▶ The Office provides resources and guidance to facilitate this certification process from beginning to end.

# The Checklist



Energy & Climate



Waste



Transportation



Purchasing



Food & Dining



Outreach & Events



Innovation

# A Fresh Perspective

## ▶ Existing Structure

- ▶ Mix of required and optional checklist actions
- ▶ Open registration
- ▶ No deadlines
- ▶ Department assumes leading role

## ▶ 2015-2016 Changes

- ▶ More stringent required actions and more flexible optional actions
- ▶ Targeted and structured registration
- ▶ One semester/One year deadline
- ▶ Department and Student assume collaborative role

# The Life Cycle

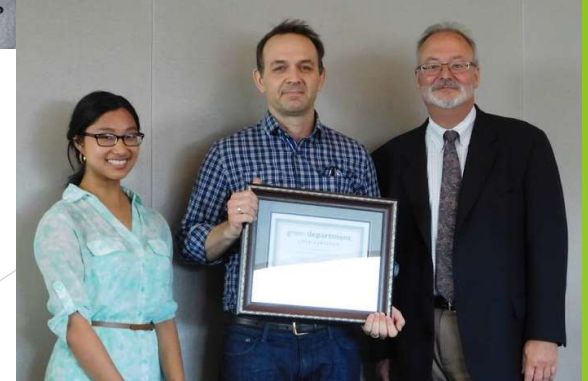
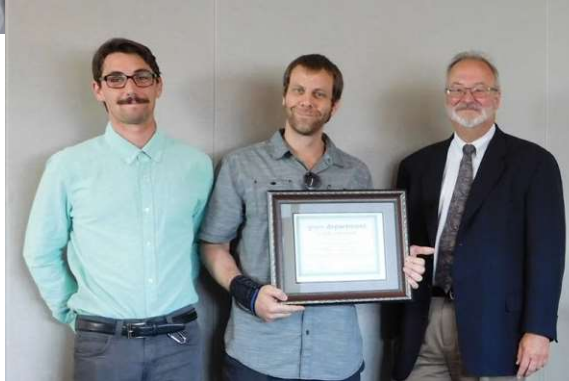
- ▶ Green Department Kick-Off event
- ▶ Department Green Team holds first meeting
- ▶ Initial check in with Green Department Associate
- ▶ Final check in with Green Department Associate
- ▶ Final Checklists
- ▶ Final Audit/Review
- ▶ Notice of Completion
- ▶ Award Ceremony

## Departments

- ▶ 11 departments certified
- ▶ Including a sports facility, science laboratory, academic departments, Off campus sites, leased spaces, and more!

# Results!

- ▶ All 11 registered departments certified by the end of the year.
- ▶ 23 certified departments since program inception, representing over 3,000 staff and employees.



# Best Practices

- ▶ Student engagement is key
- ▶ Flexibility from beginning to end
- ▶ Matching department need with student capacity
- ▶ Do a trial run



## Lessons Learned

- ▶ Don't underestimate logistical roadblocks.
  - ▶ Green Team size, off campus departments, leased spaces, etc.
- ▶ Students and departments must communicate effectively to ensure timely certification completion.
- ▶ Account for the scheduling issues that may pose a problem during the academic year.
  - ▶ Holidays, finals, etc.



# Thank You!

- ▶ Resources
  - ▶ [sustainability.berkeley.edu](http://sustainability.berkeley.edu)
  - ▶ [tgif.berkeley.edu](http://tgif.berkeley.edu)
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