“CSO fosters partnerships across departments and disciplines that nourish institutional stewardship of our environment and support a growing culture of sustainability within PSU. We aim to align operations, policies, and planning with University conservation and sustainability goals.”

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FISCAL YEAR 2016 AT A GLANCE

STAFF

- Campus Sustainability Manager
- Waste Management Coordinator
- Education & Outreach Coordinator
- Program Development Coordinator

Graduate Assistants

- Food Diversion Coordinator
- Conservation Outreach Specialist

Student Positions

- Reuse Coordinator
- Waste Reduction Specialist

BY THE NUMBERS

10.9 tons donated during Chuck it for Charity

475 Students engaged in Living Lab Program

$30,914 saved through reuse in the PSU Reuse Room

475 containers diverted from the landfill by Mug Runners

263 people reached at 21 New Employee Briefing sustainability presentations
EDUCATION, OUTREACH, & FACILITATION

- Living Lab Program engaged ~475 students through 23 projects, 12 courses, over 5 different academic departments. Highlights include:
  - Campus Apiary, Supply Studio, Green Leasing Capstone, Cramer Ecoroof Assessment, Tree Inventory: Phase 2, Waste Audit Living Lab Experience (WALL-E), Stormwater Improvements and Stage Design for PSU “Backyard”, Broadway Ecoroof Assessment, Ramp Design for Greenhouses, Rain Garden Design for Facilities
  - Living Lab Internships: Apiary, Green Building, Supply Studio, WALL-E
- First Living Lab progress report released
- “No Scrap Left Behind” and “Taste, not Waste” food waste prevention campaigns launched in Victor’s Dining Hall
- Relaunch of Climate Champions program
- Toolkit for a Sustainable Classroom
- Numerous class, departmental, and national presentations, tours, posters, and articles

Events

- Faculty workshop with ISS
- Campus Beautification + Arbor Day
- Sustainability Celebration
- Chuck it for Charity
- Earth Day
- Pop-up Swap
- Party in the Park
- Portland State of Mind
BENCHMARKING & RECOGNITION

Waste Reduction Metrics

Reuse Room

- $30,914 – estimated cost avoided through reuse
- 4,988 lbs. or over 2 tons of material reused

Mug Runners

- 515 beverage containers diverted from landfill

Campus Wide Diversion

- 33% of solid waste diverted from landfill through recycling or composting

Chuck-it for Charity

- 10.9 tons of household items, clothing, and food donated and diverted

Sustainable Food Sourcing

- 39% Local (Oregon + Washington)
- 64.4% regional (Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Northern California)
- 6.5% organic

Green Cleaning

- 31% by cost of all cleaning chemicals purchased Green Seal or EcoLogo certified
Recognition

- Tree Campus USA designation
- Salmon Safe Certification (5 yr certification)
- STARS Gold ranking with a score of 68.95 / 100
- #14 in Sierra Cool Schools ranking
- #20 in Princeton's Guide to Green Schools
- #8 among top 50 Affordable Eco-Friendly Colleges - BestChoiceSchools.com
- Bee Campus USA designation
- Platinum-level Bicycle Friendly University by the League of American Bicyclists of only five platinum-rated universities in the country.

POLICY, PRACTICE, & PLANNING

- Full-time Program Development Coordinator position created to lead Living Lab program and sustainability projects within PCRE
- Continued Stakeholder engagement process for Open Space Plan
- Sustainable Procurement & Life Cycle Considerations policy formally adopted
- Compost programs expanded in public spaces such as student lounges
- LEED O+M Feasibility Study for 4 buildings
- STARS Pathway to Platinum Assessment and Presentation to identify opportunities
- Expanded participation in Travel Offset Program to 20 departments
BUILDING CAPACITY THROUGH COLLABORATION

Open Space Plan Development - worked with Campus Planning Office to continue to engage stakeholders and released a report of findings and guiding principles based on numerous focus groups.

Living Lab Initiative - worked with PCRE departments and ISS to increase number of Living Lab projects, improve process and outcomes.

Oregon Higher Education Sustainability Conference - worked with team of other Oregon universities and colleges to assist and advise logistics and program planning for 2nd OHESC hosted at Lane CC.

Waste Reduction Task Force – continued collaboration with the Student Sustainability Center to plan events and assist waste reduction efforts.

ON THE HORIZON

- Open Space Plan
- LEED O+M certification: Blume Hall + Urban Center
- Strategic Waste Management plan & container standards
- Procurement Policy implementation and training
- Improved access to energy and waste data
- Resiliency planning