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Green Retreat a Success!

Thanks to the wonderful public relations strategy class we worked with in the spring of 2008, Chico Green Campus has implemented a Green Retreat to teach the new, incoming interns about Green Campus and some of the wonderful projects we have worked on in the past.

As long-time staff members of Chico Green Campus, we know that some of what we do can be a bit overwhelming and, at times, complicated. The Green Retreat allowed the 10 for-credit interns in attendance to get a better sense of our organization.

Most of our intern coordinators attended the all day retreat and learned about the basics and structure of Green Campus, who our stakeholders at Chico State are and the roles and responsibilities of each position. Participants were introduced to most of the current Green Campus staff members, our faculty and staff advisors and our Energy Manager, Mike Bates.

Interns also got the chance to take an energy tour of Chico State to see all of the great

the program.

The Chico Green Campus hopes to hold a Green Retreat each semester so incoming interns feel comfortable with their responsibilities and with the organization.

As the semesters and years progress, our hopes are that this retreat will grow in both amount of interns as well as the amount of information and

projects to show off and the introduction of more of our wonderful stakeholders to the group.

If you have any more ideas on how we can further the success of this retreat please email us at:

green-campus@csuchico.edu



The New Chico Green Campus Crew

projects Chico Green Campus has implemented, got a chance to work on their project projections (Scope of Works) and pitch ideas to each other and watched The Phantom Hunter, Humboldt States Green Campus' video about energy efficiency in the average college student's home.

Since, most of our staff members will be graduating at the end of the fall 2008 semester, we will be paying special attention to those intern coordinators to get the hang of all things Green Campus in the hopes that they will become the future of



Vending Miser Update

Green Campus interns had a meeting with Mr. Yves Latouche, the Director of Food Service, regarding the installation of Vending Misers® on cold beverage vending machines on campus. The Vending Miser is a device that cuts energy consumption of vending machines nearly in half by powering down the machine during periods when the surrounding area is vacant while still ensuring that the beverages remain cold. For more information about this technology, go to

http://www.usatech.com/energy_management/energy_vm.php.

Mr. Latouche is very supportive of this project and excited to see the installation take place. He will be the liaison with Pepsi, which is the owner of all the vending machines. Now we are analyzing which vending machines can be equipped with a Vending Miser. We chose 4 machines – 2 are in high traffic areas and 2 are in low traffic areas. We will install

vending misers on these machines and measure the energy usage before/after the installation. It will give us information on which location will reap the greatest energy savings from installing the misers.

For more information about our vending miser project please contact: green-campus@csuchico.edu

There's been this bail out of the financial market. Well I think we need a bail in of renewable energy and green building. I actually do think that the green revolution is the solution to the financial crisis, the national security crisis, the debt crisis, and the climate crisis."

-Al Gore at West Coast Green 2008

Green Campus goes to West Coast Green Conference

Chico Green Campus Director Amelia Gulling and Staff Advisor Bret Bosma attended the largest conference and expo on green innovation September 25th-27th in San Jose, CA. The conference included a number of keynote speakers including Jerry Brown,

David Suzuki, and Al Gore. Panels on many topics were offered throughout the conference including energy efficiency, making real energy happen, and Way off the grid: Designing for a Mars community. The expo portion included 680 vendors from solar installers to

real time energy metering companies. Although a bit overwhelming the conference provided a cutting edge perspective of green building and innovation, and is a must for those in the sustainability/energy efficiency field.

SCOOP Update

SCOOP is moving off on a fast pace this semester. The Consultation Crew is growing by leaps and bounds. SCOOP's new director is a former Net Impact member, Courtney Bell. Courtney is taking up the torch and leading SCOOP and CSU, Chico toward a greener future.

New this semester are 11 SCOOP interns who are trained and ready to begin assessing offices.

SCOOP will assess Passages and CLIC this week and hopefully continue assessing two offices a week through out the semester. SCOOP is dedicated to changing the way people "think" about everyday practices, how they use energy and resources, amounts of waste they create and in general teaching people to "think green".

SCOOP is proud to announce the continued

support of our newest collaborative member, The Institute of Sustainable Development. The wonderful support of ISD has contributed hugely to committing CSU, Chico and SCOOP to continued success throughout the FALL 2008 semester.

For more information about SCOOP or to sign up for a SCOOP consultation please contact: scoop@csuchico.edu

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