

Assessment Summary

Self-assessment of SPU's sustainability, based on an early draft of Campus Stars, a campus sustainability rating system being designed by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE).

Category	Total Possible	Yes	Unknown	No	N/A*
Academics	22	9	0	10	3
Administration	66	31	1	28	6
Building & Grounds	24	11	0	11	2
Dining	23	11	0	12	0
Fuel & Energy	53	30	0	19	4
Water & Waste	48	24	1	20	3
Residential Living & Student Life	20	8	0	10	2
Community	13	8	0	5	0
Total	269	132	2	115	20
Percent		46%	3%	45%	6%

* The N/A category primarily refers to line items in the inventory that are not applicable to SPU because of our size and/or focus.

Campus Sustainability Assessment

SPU Facilities Management Dept. Summer 2007

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Academics	Status	Notes/Contact/Source
1	Required sustainability course for undergrads	no
2	Course on sustainability is an option to meet general education	yes
3	Special designation (letter or symbol) in course catalog for courses with sustainability content	no
4	Sustainability research opportunities for students	Blakely Island, www.spu.edu/depts/biology/blakely
5	Research fellowships in sustainability	SPU is primarily an undergraduate teaching university, not a research institution
6	Sustainability screening of funded research awards	no
7	Research incentives for faculty working on sustainability projects or grant proposals	SPU is primarily an undergraduate teaching university, not a research institution
8	Research centers specializing in sustainability research and outreach	Blakely Island Field Station
9	Financial or other support for sustainability research	not specifically
10	Institution-wide incentives or programs to encourage faculty to infuse sustainability into their courses	no
11	Academic center(s) on sustainability	Perkins Center, Blakely Island Field Station
12	Minor/certificate in sustainability studies	no
13	Minor/certificate in environmental studies	no
14	Major/concentration in sustainability studies	Sustainable & Appropriate Technology Concentration in Engineering major, Global Development Studies major
15	Major/concentration in environmental studies	Bio option #3: Ecology
16	Advanced degree in sustainability studies	SPU is primarily an undergraduate university
17	Major campus events related to sustainability (e.g. conferences)	President's Symposia on Reconciliation
18	Sustainability themed study abroad program	Tropical Studies Program (BIO)

19	Mechanism for tracking and highlighting courses where sustainability is a focus	no	
20	Faculty development workshops on sustainability	no	
21	Sustainability discussion group or email list for faculty/staff	no	
22	Other strategies to promote sustainability in curriculum or research	yes	Social Venture Plan Competition, School of Business & Economics

Administration		Status	Notes/Contact/Source
23	Sustainability emphasis rewarded in tenure and promotion in all schools/colleges	yes	"service" a criteria in consideration for tenure, "sustainability" not mentioned
24	Talloires Declaration Signatory	no	
25	Presidents Climate Commitment Signatory	yes	signed March 26, 2008 and in good standing with completion of two-month report
26	Formal adoption of targets and timelines for reducing greenhouse gas emissions	no	
27	Formal adoption of targets and timelines for the provision of direct renewable energy	n/a	Seattle City Light is 94% renewable
28	Sustainability and/or climate change mentioned in campus strategic plan	yes	www.spu.edu/special/cp21/index.html , www.spu.edu/special/blueprint/index.html
29	Sustainability and/or climate change mentioned in campus master plan	yes	MIMP, 4 (Goal No. 7)
30	Sustainability and/or climate change mentioned in campus mission statement	yes	social justice, global issues mentioned
31	President/chancellor-authorized sustainability committee with representation from students, staff, faculty, and community	yes	kickoff meeting to be held mid-October
32	Formal adoption of a comprehensive sustainability plan	no	
33	Formal adoption of an environmental policy	no	
34	Formal adoption of waste reduction goals	yes	corresponds with City of Seattle's waste reduction goals
35	Formal adoption of water use reduction goals	no	
36	Sustainability coordinator with permanent funding	yes	position in Facilities Management
37	Employment of other sustainability staff	no	
38	Membership in AASHE	yes	\$1000/year

39	Membership in a campus sustainability organization	yes	AASHE
40	Sustainable purchasing policy, covering: cleaning supplies, lab chemicals, paper, information technology hardware, office furniture, office supplies, food services, utilities, building construction and renovation, vehicles	unknown	purchasing decentralized, so possible
41	Collection and application of environmental information to evaluate products, manufacturers, and distributors	yes	not required University-wide, does occur but varies by department
42	Sustainability criteria in all RFPs	no	
43	Socially responsible investment policy	n/a	would be near impossible to track or achieve, considering SPU Foundation's fund of funds investment approach
44	Socially responsible investment committee	no	
45	Sustainability criteria formally addressed in all budget decisions	no	
46	Establishment of funding mechanisms for campus sustainability efforts (e.g. revolving loan funds, alumni sustainability fund, mini-grants for sustainability projects)	no	
47	Participation in purchasing cooperative for environmentally preferable and/or socially responsible products	no	no Purchasing Dept.
48	Policy requiring the sale of only environmentally preferable and/or socially responsible products at campus bookstores	no	
49	Programs to educate end-users about environmentally preferable and/or socially responsible products	no	
50	Website that promotes sustainable purchasing practices and directs users to resources and information	no	will include in sustainability website
51	System in place to track institution's progress on environmentally preferable and/or socially responsible purchasing	no	purchasing decentralized
52	Consistent purchase of Energy Star appliances and office equipment	yes	washing machines, computers, etc.
53	Campus is an Energy Star partner	no	
54	Recyclable packaging is requested	no	
55	Require Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool registered products in purchase specifications	no	

56	Procurement services engages vendors in efforts to source more environmentally preferable and/or socially responsible products	no	purchasing is decentralized; SPU's primary office vendor, Corporate Express, offers sustainable products
57	Participation in one or more boycotts of socially irresponsible or environmentally damaging products	no	not as an institution
58	Other sustainable procurement strategies	no	
59	Current divestment from--or proscription of investments in--socially irresponsible investments, as determined by the institution	n/a	endowment managed using fund of funds approach
60	Voting on shareholder resolutions relevant to sustainability	n/a	endowment managed using fund of funds approach
61	Introduction of resolutions relevant to sustainability	n/a	endowment managed using fund of funds approach
62	Social Justice and/or diversity commitment included in institution's mission statement	yes	2014: A Blueprint for Excellence, CP21 Educational Initiative No. 5
63	Social Justice and/or diversity commitment included in institution's strategic plan	yes	
64	Social Justice and/or diversity committee authorized by president/chancellor with representation from students, staff, faculty, and community	yes	"Diversity & Reconciliation" committee under the Vice President of Academic Affairs; faculty committee with student and staff representation
65	Social Justice and/or diversity policy adopted	yes	www.spu.edu/depts/aa0 , www.spu.edu/special/cp21/education/index.html
66	Social Justice and/or diversity programs highlighted on front web page, annual reports	yes	www.spu.edu , www.spu.edu/depts/aa0 , www.spu.edu/depts/jperkins
67	Allow collective bargaining for all employees including faculty	n/a	SPU is not a unionized campus
68	Permanent Social Justice/diversity officer and program	no	a variety of other positions meet that need, including a faculty diversity committee, the administrators of the diversity initiative, and those involved with the Perkins Center
69	Provision of on-site child care	no	children of faculty/staff receive priority placement at FFMC child care
70	Special recruitment of diverse faculty, staff, and students	yes	goal to "increase the percentage of students, faculty, staff and trustees of color," www.spu.edu/aa0
71	Admission policies designed to promote diversity	yes	

72	Long-term programs to increase the overall number of students from URGs	yes	www.spu.edu/aao, Ames Scholarships (5)
73	Long-term programs to increase the overall number of faculty from URGs	yes	www.spu.edu/special/cp21/education/index.html
74	Exit interviews for departing students, faculty, and staff from URGs	yes, faculty & staff	exit interviews for all departing faculty & staff
75	Sustainability incorporated into new staff orientation	no	
76	Periodic surveys of employee job satisfaction	no	occasional departmental surveys, nothing campus-wide
77	Employee assistance programs	yes	
78	Inclusion of job satisfaction as a line item on performance evaluations	no	
79	Flexible work arrangements	yes	MIMP, 52
80	Opportunities for employees to take courses for career advancement or personal growth	yes	
81	Employee recognition programs and activities	yes	President's Recognition Convocation, etc.
82	Opportunities for all employees to participate in campus governance	yes	Faculty Senate, Staff Council
83	Incentives and programs to encourage staff sustainability initiatives	no	
84	Mechanisms to implement employee suggestions	yes	Staff Council, departmental surveys
85	Other strategies to improve employee well-being	yes	wellness rewards program
86	Sustainability training and/or incentives for all faculty	no	
87	Maintenance of a website describing the institution's sustainability practices	yes	recycling section of Facilities Management website
88	Other demonstrations of institutional commitment to sustainability	yes	sustainability central to Camp Casey Master Plan

Building & Grounds		Status	Notes/Contact/Source
89	Green building policy (LEED or equivalent) for new construction and renovations for all campus buildings	no	all buildings currently in design/planning to meet LEED standards, but no policy yet written
90	Inclusion of sustainability in campus design specifications	yes	
91	LEED for Existing Buildings certification	no	
92	Educational signage about sustainable building features	no	

93	Employment of LEED Accredited Professional(s)	yes	via contracting
94	Institutional membership in the US Green Building Council	yes	\$750/year
95	Space utilization tracking system	yes	
96	Other strategies to promote sustainable building practices	n/a	
97	Deconstruction of buildings to reduce waste	yes	
98	Other strategies to minimize construction waste	yes	recycling, etc., need to write it into specs and get contractors to prove it gets done
99	Integrated Pest Management Policy	no	we do spray, but minimally, at discretion of Head Gardener Jeff Daley
100	Inclusion of sustainability in campus landscape master plan	n/a	No Campus Landscape Master Plan
101	Use of only Organic Materials Review Institute (OMRI) listed pesticides and fertilizers on campus	no	
102	Landscaping with native plant species	yes	mixed into newer installations, est. 15-20% of plantings
103	Habitat protection, restoration, or creation on campus	yes, urban wildlife habitat	located behind library
104	Inventory and mapping of campus landscape assets like trees	yes (trees)	Dave Church & CP21
105	Vegetated, or "green" roofs	no	partial green roof included in design for Irondale Residence Hall
106	Pervious paving systems	no	
107	Vegetated areas designed to filter and/or promote infiltration of stormwater runoff (e.g. bioswales or rain gardens)	yes	Master Plan Req's for Open Space
108	Rainwater collection and reuse	no	
109	Use of biofuels in landscaping equipment	no	
110	Light pollution reduction strategies	no	
111	Participation in EPA's GreenScapes Alliance	no	
112	Other sustainable landscaping and grounds management strategies	yes	40% of campus is open space, rainwater diverted from sewers

Dining		Status	Notes/Contact/Source
113	Local, organic foods served in campus dining hall(s)	yes	Lance LaFave (for all dining questions)
114	Sustainable food procurement policy for all campus dining facilities	yes	

115	Organic farm or garden on campus	no	
116	Student-run sustainable café	no	
117	Food served that was grown on campus	no	
118	Purchase of food from Food Alliance certified farms	yes	
119	Purchase of Fair Trade certified foods	yes	
120	Purchase of pasture-raised or grass-fed meat, without antibiotics or added hormones	no	
121	Purchase of cage-free or pastured poultry eggs	no	
122	Adherence to Monterey Bay Aquarium's Seafood Watch Guidelines for seafood purchasing	yes	
123	Direct purchasing relationships with local farmers/producers	no	
124	Pre-consumer food waste composting	yes	
125	Post-consumer food waste composting	yes	
126	Donation of leftover food to an organization that provides food to those in need	no	
127	Donation of used vegetable oil to biodiesel producers	yes	
128	Certified organic kitchen	no	
129	Vegetarian options at every meal	yes	
130	Vegan options at every meal	no	
131	Employment of a dietician or nutritionist	yes	
132	Phasing out or eliminating all-you-can-eat service to reduce waste	no	
133	Biodegradable foodware used in place of other disposable products	no	dishes used in main Gwinn Commons, regular disposable foodware used at Falcon's Landing
134	Periodic dining sustainability audits	no	
135	Other strategies to promote food sustainability	yes	Pura Vida café, Stop Hunger campaign www.spu.edu/depts/dining/social.html , trayless dining

Fuel & Energy		Status	Notes/Contact/Source
136	Transportation equity policy for lower paid campus workers	yes	same benefits available to all employees
137	Current inventory of greenhouse gas emissions	yes	
138	Regular greenhouse gas emissions inventories	yes	yearly, as required by ACUPCC

139	Greater than 10% renewable energy powering campus operations	yes	41% of campus energy is renewable, hydropower included
140	Greater than 50% renewable energy powering campus operations	no	
141	Telecommuting policy for campus staff	yes	when feasible, on a department/case specific basis
142	On-campus cogeneration providing >50% campus power	n/a	campus does not produce own electricity=no co-gen
143	Campus energy officer (or equivalent) with permanent funding	no	
144	Employment of an Energy Services Company (ESCO)	no	not permanently (three times in past)
145	Metering electricity consumption at point of use	yes	
146	Lighting retrofits	yes (T8, T5)	entire campus will utilize T8 and T5 lighting upon completion of scheduled Crawford and Alexander Hall lighting upgrades
147	Technology to reduce vending machine energy consumption	no	
148	Occupancy sensors to turn off lights that are not in use	yes	
149	Geothermal heat pumps	no	
150	Solar thermal system	no	
151	Solar photovoltaic panels	no	
152	On-site wind turbine(s)	no	
153	Fuel cells	no	
154	Biomass combustion	no	
155	Periodic energy audits	yes	
156	Partner in EPA's Green Power Partnership	no	
157	Partner in EPA's Combined Heat and Power Partnership	no	
158	Other strategies to promote energy sustainability	n/a	
159	Alternative transportation coordinator	yes	included in parking/transportation coordinator position
160	Adopted green fleet policy (biodiesel, ethanol, hybrids, hydrogen-fueled, electrics)	no	no policy, phased integration of electric utility trucks into maintenance fleet
161	Adoption of an transportation demand management policy or plan	yes	Transportation Management Plan part of University Master Plan (MIMP)
162	Site design or redesign to encourage walking and bicycling	yes	MIMP, 45-6, 49, 52

163	Advocacy for bike and pedestrian routes to campus	yes	Burke-Gilman Trail, commitment to promote development of bike route on the south side of the Lake Washington Ship Canal (MIMP, 50)
164	Free bus/transit passes	yes; Employees: 100% subsidized for community transit systems, partial subsidy for Kitsap, Pierce, and ferry Transit; Students & Temporary Employees: 30% subsidy for public transport, free 5-hour loan for all students (MIMP, 51; S&S website)	
165	Discount bus passes		
166	Campus shuttle system	n/a	small, walkable campus designed for foot traffic
167	Payments to commuters who use alternative transportation	yes	MIMP, 51-2; Safety & Security website ("subsidy" not "payment")
168	Restrictions on the sale of parking passes to sophomore and first-year students	yes	class standing a factor in residence hall parking assignments, not for commuter parking
169	Guaranteed ride home program for students and employees	yes	for anyone who qualifies for CTR program (not students), MIMP, 52
170	Reserved carpool spaces	yes	"preferential parking," MIMP, 52
171	Carpool matching assistance	yes	MIMP, 51 (role of transportation coordinator)
172	Provision of a small number of free parking passes for commuters who usually use alternative transportation	yes	MIMP, 51
173	Discount parking passes for commuters who usually use alternative transportation	yes	MIMP, 51
174	Preferred parking for alternative fuel vehicles	no	Cheryl Michaels
175	Incentives for living on or near campus	yes	required until age 20 or junior, unless living with parents (Residence Life website)
176	Provision of on-campus housing for students	yes	
177	Provision of on-campus housing for faculty/staff	no	
178	Flexible work hours	yes	MIMP, 52
179	Policies restricting engine idling on campus	no	
180	Car sharing programs (e.g. Flexcar)	yes	free for faculty & staff who use alternative transport, available for fee to students 21 +
181	Free bike program or bike rental program	n/a	small, walkable campus designed for foot traffic
182	Bike repair shop on campus	no	
183	Showers/lockers on site	yes	MIMP, 52
184	Conveniently-located covered parking for bikes	yes	MIMP, 52, Cheryl Michaels, near each residence hall, OMH, Science building

185	Alternative transportation outreach and education programs	yes	Transportation Coordinator (Bike to Work Month, Metro transit campaigns, etc.)
186	Participation in Best Workplaces for Commuters Program	no	SPU meets requirements for this program
187	Other strategies to promote transportation sustainability	Zipcar vendor @ employee benefits fair, target/outreach to faculty via	

Water & Waste		Status	Notes/Contact/Source
188	Employment of a waste reduction or recycling coordinator	yes	Trudie Freed, student workers
189	Post-consumer composting in places other than dining halls	no	
190	Yard waste composting	yes	
191	Participation in Recyclemania	yes	planned for Jan. 2009
192	All computer equipment is recycled, reused or donated at the end of its useful life	yes	www.spu.edu/depts/facman/recycle
193	Incentives to use reusable mugs	no	tried, didn't catch
194	Programs to minimize waste generated during student move-out/move in	yes	NW Center provides receptacles for clothing, Goodwill provides receptacles for other donations
195	Programs to redistribute surplus chemicals	yes- redistributed to faculty research areas as needed	Suzanne Martin (lab manager/chemical hygiene officer) x2947
196	Replacement of mercury thermometers with less toxic alternatives	yes	however, replacements didn't work for organic chemistry, they use teflon-coated mercury instead
197	Other green chemistry efforts	n/a	
198	Reusable office supply exchange program	unknown	individualized by department
199	Reuse of unwanted campus furniture and equipment through an on-campus surplus store or third party reseller	yes	www.spu.edu/depts/facman/recycle
200	Print management program	no	
201	Per page charges for printing in labs and library	yes	in library and some labs
202	Onsite ecological waste water treatment	no	part of city system
203	Other strategies to promote ecological wastewater treatment	n/a	
204	Periodic waste audits	yes	annually
205	Campus wide recycling program	yes	

206	Campus wide composting program	yes	yard composting
207	Waste reduction program	no	
208	Environmental Management System	no	
209	Other strategies to minimize waste production on campus	n/a	
210	Employment of a water manager or similar position	no	no need-integrated with city system
211	Employment of an irrigation specialist or similar position	yes	included in plumbing/landscaping positions
212	Networked central control system for water use	no	stand-alone system
213	Evapo-transpiration irrigation controllers	no	
214	Automatic irrigation controllers	yes	carefully monitored, adjusted for weather
215	Annual inspection and commissioning of irrigation equipment	yes	
216	Provision of dedicated funding for irrigation efficiency upgrades	no	provided as needed, not dedicated
217	Inclusion of irrigation efficiency upgrades in capital projects	yes	
218	Involvement of irrigation team in design, review, and installation oversight for contracted construction	yes	
219	Drip irrigation	no	
220	Selection of drought tolerant plants for landscaping	yes	part of decision filter for new installations, usually mixed in with other plants, Royal Brougham is all drought tolerant
221	Grouping of plants with similar water needs (hydrozoning)	yes	taken into consideration along with aesthetics
222	Consideration of microclimates in landscape and irrigation design	yes	
223	Turf reduction	no	
224	Water budgeting	no	
225	Water reuse systems	no	
226	Front-loading washing machines	yes	
227	Waterless urinals	no	
228	Low-flush urinals	no	
229	Dual flush toilets	no	
230	Composting toilets	no	
231	Low-flow showerheads	yes (Hill Hall)	continual retrofitting process
232	Low-flow faucets	no	
233	Automatic sensor operated faucets	yes	SUB, some in RBP
234	Water saving autoclaves	no	

235	Other water sustainability strategies	yes	metered faucets in Demaray, Marston, RBP, irrigation is mostly done manually
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Residential Living & Student Life		Status	Notes/Contact/Source
236	Use of student fees for sustainability initiatives (e.g. renewable energy purchasing, green building, etc.)	no	
237	Education about campus sustainability efforts (e.g. signage, etc.)	no	
238	Health insurance for graduate assistants	n/a	all classes taught by professors
239	Sustainability literacy measured or monitored for all undergraduates	no	
240	Sustainability graduation pledge for all undergraduates	no	
241	Sustainability incorporated into first-year orientation	yes (Cityquest)	www.spu.edu/depts/jperkins
242	Service learning required for all undergraduates	yes	
243	Student organizations focused on sustainability	yes	
244	Multicultural educational programs	yes	
245	Peer-to-peer sustainability outreach campaigns	no	wasn't effective in past
246	Sustainability competitions between residence halls, buildings, or departments	no	
247	Sustainability themed housing	yes	Bridges floor in Emerson
248	Model dorm room	no	
249	Sustainability training for resident advisors	yes	recycling/sustainability segment in PA training
250	Student publication focused on sustainability, or dedicated space in student newspaper	no	
251	Campus sustainability map or tour	no	will be included in sustainability website
252	Sustainability library or other identifiable collection of sustainability reading materials	n/a	SPU only has one library, sustainability reading materials are catalogued under the appropriate LOC classification
253	Sustainability discussion group or email list for students	yes	Environmental Awareness Club, etc.
254	Job fair focused on careers in sustainability	no	
255	Other non-curricular efforts to promote sustainability literacy on campus	n/a	

Community	Status	Notes/Contact/Source	
256	Outreach/education program about sustainability (e.g., website)	yes	social sustainability (reconciliation)
257	Energy conservation outreach and education campaign	no	
258	Community service recognized/rewarded for faculty in all schools/colleges	yes	community service is an expectation of all faculty and taken into consideration in the tenure and promotion process, http://www.spu.edu/facstaff/handbook/faculty/5/index.asp#5.2.2.3
259	Community service or service learning office	yes	
260	Employment of staff dedicated to coordinating community service, service learning, and/or civic engagement activities and programs	yes	http://www.spu.edu/depts/perkins/about/staff.asp
261	Alumni sustainability network	no	
262	Inclusion of service work on student transcripts	no	
263	Service-related break programming	yes	SPRINT, Urban Plunge www.spu.edu/depts/jperkins
264	Voter registration drives on campus	yes	voter registration forms available in Gwinn, etc.
265	Community partnerships related to sustainability	yes	
266	Community service events in which everyone on campus is encouraged to participate	no	CFE program
267	Other strategies to encourage community service and civic engagement	yes	Urban Involvement, Latreia, Urban Youth Leadership Academy (Perkins)
268	Campus partner in the Posse Program	no	is similar to UYLA