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FM Embraces Energy Challenge

The first annual Energy Challenge hosted by the FM Green Team in February was a great success, with 22 departments participating and almost 150 ideas generated by our employees on how to save energy on campus.

The Energy Challenge had two main goals. First, each department within FM was encouraged to create an idea board of ways that a particular department could save energy in the month of February, and come up with a tracking system for who participated and how. The idea boards were creative, fun, and engaging—our employees have a lot of talent and great ideas. Second, the Green Team installed 200 motion sensors at workstations in FM that automatically turn off monitors, task lighting, and other equipment when the occupant is away from their workstation. We found that the sensors save on average 25 percent of every workstation’s electricity use, which is good news for energy savings.

FM employees participated in many different ways in the Energy Challenge. Andrew Brauzer, athletics facilities manager in Budget & Programs, had the idea to set the lighting system



Energy Challenge winning idea board: Landscape Maintenance

at the Football Training Center to automatically turn off lights for two hours at night where the lights had previously been on and to have an after hour setting with emergency lighting only. Campus Planning used a Google document so that their employees could track their participation in real time to see how everyone was doing. The Sign Shop repurposed an old metal sign to make a cool, upcycled sign, and the Custodial Department made a very comfortable and stylish chair entirely out of cardboard (see page 2)!

Congratulations and thank you to all who participated to make FM an energy-saving leader on campus. Stay tuned for more opportunities to participate in energy savings throughout the year.

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FACILITIES MANAGEMENT MONTHLY NUMBERS

92

Number of projects funded by SCIF grants since Fall 2009

5,137

Sustainability’s combined followers on Wordpress, Facebook, & Twitter

1,200

Volunteer hours worked in the Edible Campus Gardens in 2012

in the spotlight



Myron Willson
Director, Sustainability Resource Center

The Cathedral in the Desert had a major impact on Myron Willson’s life. Myron visited Lake Powell in the early 1970s as it was filling up after the completion of Glen Canyon Dam. “If they fill this up, it will ruin this place,” he remembers thinking. Now, the Cathedral in the Desert is inundated, except in severe drought.

This vivid memory instilled a love of nature and wild places in Myron, leading him to study urban planning at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo and later architecture at the University of Utah and pursue a career in designing green buildings and healthy communities.



Myron joined the U in 2009 as the director of the Sustainability Resource Center (then the Office of Sustainability). In this role, he helps design, plan, and coordinate campus sustainability initiatives and assists FM with efficiency standards and making campus buildings more sustainable.

In his spare time, Myron enjoys hiking, camping, and sculpting clay (including the photo included here!). He rides his bike to campus most days (except when it is icy).

caught in the act

These employees have recently been recognized for going above and beyond expectations in Customer Service, Teamwork, Innovation, Safety, or Excellence

Doug Brown, Mike McCloskey, Paul Petersen, Houston Rowe, Josh Singleton, Shireen Ghorbani, Missy Tyrrell, Liz Blackner, Craig Davis, Danyal Edgerly, Jon Dean

janus awards

The Janus Award is a monthly custodial award for excellent performance based on the SMARTInspect System scores.

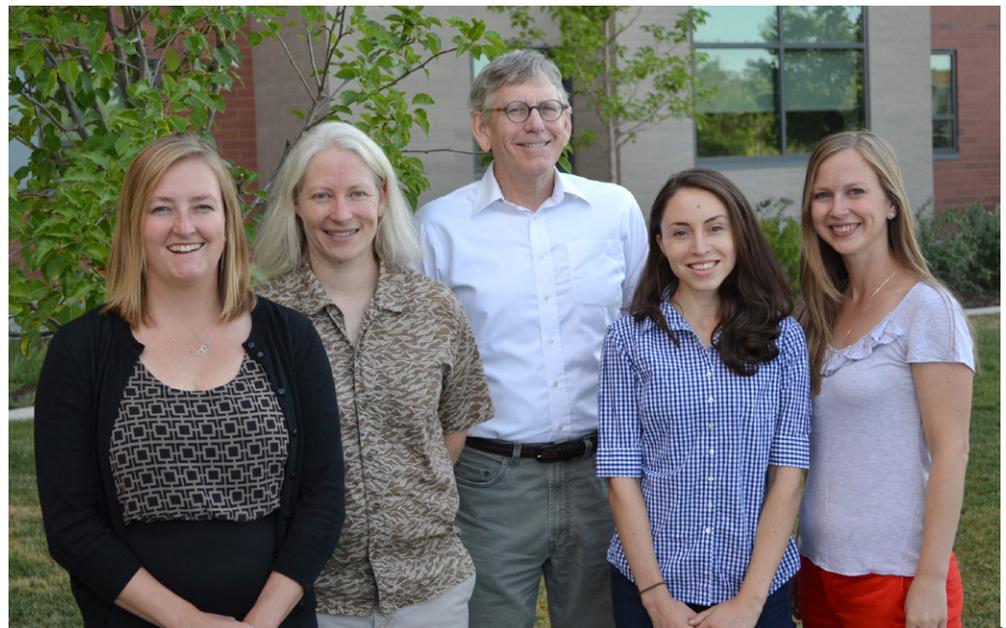
Congratulations to the Theater/Law Building Crew led by Shawn Lindsey.



It's Recycle Mania, so it's time for Spring Cleaning

The University of Utah participates in Recycle Mania, a promotion during the months of February and March to stress the three Rs: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. Last year, the program helped reduce 121,436 metric tons of CO2 equivalents, which is the same as the annual emissions from 25,299 cars.

How can you help? Clean out your desk next week to recycle your office pack and mixed papers to boost the U's contribution.



From left: Stephanie Dolmat-Connell, Jen Colby, Myron Willson, Rachel Sanders, and Ayrel Clark-Proffitt

Sustainability Resource Center Moving to Academic Affairs

In July, the Sustainability Resource Center, formerly the Office of Sustainability, will move from Facilities Management to Academic Affairs as part of an overall University effort to reorganize and streamline campus sustainability efforts in research, academics, administration, and operations.

The new name better reflects the Sustainability Resource Center's role as a hub for campus-related sustainability initiatives and engagement programs. The Center will continue efforts to foster a living, learning laboratory where academics intersect with campus operations.

In addition, the University created a new Chief Sustainability Officer who reports directly to the Sr. Vice President for Academic Affairs. The position is currently filled by Associate

Vice President Amy Wildermuth, though a national search will begin soon. The new position will "take the conversation of long-term implications and sustainability to the highest level of administration," says Myron Willson, director of the Sustainability Resource Center.

The Sustainability Resource Center will continue its current initiatives, including the Edible Campus Gardens, the Sustainable Campus Initiative Fund (SCIF), and sustainability internships. The Center will also continue to work closely on sustainability issues with Facilities Management, serving on steering committees and FMRC. Stephanie Dolmat-Connell, the senior research analyst for Facilities Management, will also continue to assist the Sustainability Resource Center with data collection and analysis.



The Amazing Cardboard Chair

Our University ends up with a lot of cardboard to recycle, so Brady, a part-time custodial crew member, decided to take the cardboard and upcycle it into an armchair. Using mostly notches, and only a little bit of glue, he created a sturdy and surprisingly comfortable chair. Josh James (left), recycling coordinator for the University of Utah, tests out Brady's creation.

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