Sustainability Education and Action at the University of Portland: Connecting the Dots and Building Momentum

Renewing the Campus, October 10, 2009
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Declining resources and ecosystem services

Increasing demand for resources and ecosystem services

http://www.naturalstep.org
How do we accelerate the transition to a sustainable society?

- **Awareness (A)**
- **Baseline (B)**
- **Creative Solutions (C)**
- **Decide on Priorities (D)**
- **Visioning (Visioning)**

Does it move us in the right direction?
Is it a flexible platform?
Is it a good return on investment?
Teaching and Action: finding the linkages and accelerating change

- Student Life
- Academic Affairs
- Sustainable Campuses/Society
Connecting Dots and Building Momentum:
Focus the Nation, January 31st, 2008
Focus The Nation: Live at the Chiles Center!
A Green Democracy Forum Live Broadcast on OPB Radio with comedy from Live Wire! and music from Stars of Track and Field

Don't miss this once in a lifetime event. OPB Radio will host a one hour live broadcast with host Sandra Beirne and featuring students from universities across Oregon, Governor Ted Kulongoski and other leading politicians. Be part of the action, participate in a dialogue about "Global Warming Solutions for America."

University of Portland Chiles Center 5000 N. Willamette Blvd., Portland. January 31, 2008. Doors open at 5:00 p.m., entertainment begins at 5:15 p.m. Major funding provided by Associated Students of the University of Portland.

This is a free event—but tickets are required at the door. Register for your ticket at climatchange.oregonstate.edu. For more information, email wunder@ups.edu or call 503.943.7860.

Focus the Nation
Thursday, January 31, 2008
The University of Portland

Session Cluster 1 – 8:10 to 9:35 a.m.

1 - Restorative Buildings: What are They and How Do We Promote Them?
LOCATION: Buckley Center Room 163
SERA Architects, Green Building Initiative, Soderstrom, Energy Trust

2 - Designing Cities to Increase Healthy Activity and Decrease Automobile Reliance
LOCATION: Franz Hall Room 223
Tim Crump (F.N.P., UP Health Services), Daisy Lembke (Psychologist, UP Health Services)

3 - Understanding and Motivating Sustainability Across Generations and Cultures
LOCATION: Buckley Center Room 314
Peter Thacker (UP Asst. Professor, Education), Kate Regan (UP Assoc. Professor, Foreign Languages)

4 - A 6th Mass Extinction? The Evidence and How to Prevent It
LOCATION: Buckley Center Auditorium
Kathleen Hunt (Visiting Asst. Professor, Biology), Angela Hoffman (UP Assoc. Professor, Chemistry)

5 - Social Welfare and Climate Change: Global Theological Perspectives on Women, Poverty, and Violence
LOCATION: Buckley Center Room 310
Joe Gallegos (UP Assoc. Professor, Social & Behavioral Sciences), Kathleen McManus (UP Assoc. Professor, Theology)

6 - Offsetting, Taxing, and Trading Greenhouse Gases
LOCATION: Mago Hunt Recital Hall
Bill Barnes (UP Assoc. Professor, Business Admin.), Todd Easton (UP Assoc. Professor, Business Admin.), Greg Hill (UP Assoc. Professor, Mathematics)
Connecting Dots and Sustaining Momentum

• University Presidents’ Climate Commitment
• Presidential Advisory Committee on Sustainability
• Facilities and Operations
• Sustainability Concentration for MBA
• Sustainability Courses in new Theme Houses
• Cross listing faculty – Environmental Science
• Confluences: Water and Justice Conference
Connecting Dots and Sustaining Momentum

- Integrating and connecting education and action
- Student leadership development
- Collaboration across boundaries
Building Community
Freshman Day of Service
BECAUSE OUR RIVER IS SPECIAL

WILLAMETTE RIVER FESTIVAL
Connect
Build

IMAGINE