

**Mission:** To create a culture that engages the Champlain College community to make effective use and re-use of our resources, with an eye towards promoting fiscally responsible environmental leadership, and a shared commitment to the ecological health of the planet for present and future generations.

**Membership:** Sustain Champlain welcomes new members offers an open invitation to anyone from the college community. The following faculty and staff have been most active in 2008-2009.

co-chairs Sarah Cohen, Rob Williams  
members Miriam Horne, Jim Ellefson, Gabriel Calvi, Lara Scott, Richard Terricciano, Tom Bonnette, Carl Riden, Linda Wheeler, Michel George, David Provost, Tee Mulhall, Lisa Mazzariello, Laura Huffman, Ted DiGrande and Patrick Burke

**Achievements:** During the 2008-09 academic year, members of Sustain Champlain facilitated or promoted the following actions, events, and accomplishments at Champlain College. Initiatives have been categorized into Sustain Champlain's four areas of focus: Institutions, Academics, Operations and Campus Culture.

**Institutions:** Shows college commitment to sustainability from high levels of institutional hierarchy.

- Sustain Champlain college committee and membership expanded (Sarah Cohen, Rob Williams)
- Sustainability Coordinator funded part time / temporary (Michel George, Gabriel Calvi)
- Master Plan policy to build to LEED standards (Michel George)
- CATMA chair and program outreach (David Provost, Tee Mulhall)
- Spring Hill Solutions Phase 1: Carbon Profile Assessment (David Provost)
- Eco Charette for Res Quad and Perry Hall (Michel George)
- Carshare Vermont partnership, corporate membership, and campus outreach (Michel George, Carl Riden)
- Aiken Hall opening with focus on LEED certification (David Finney)
- Sightlines Green Lines survey of environmental impact (Michel George, Gabriel Calvi)
- Senior Gift *Legacy of Green* giving option during phone-a-thon raises \$840 for Sustain Champlain (Alison Johnson, Laura Huffman)

**Academics:** Provides student access to environmental concepts in curricula, classrooms, and special academic events.

- John Carroll lecture Champlain College Speakers' Series w/ Foccacia (Jim Ellefson, Ted DiGrande)
- YouTube video assignment (Rob Williams, Gabriel Calvi)
- Global Module on carbon footprints (Gary Scudder, Cyndi Brandenburg)
- Green Economy Panel in collaboration with The Core (Jim Ellefson, Miriam Horne, Betsy Beaulieu)
- Environmental Policy major development (Sue Rowley)
- Core Rhetoric environmental proposals for Champlain College assignment (Miriam Horne)
- MIC book displays (Sarah Cohen)
- Spring Hill Solutions Carbon Management Workshop (Michel George)
- Wang Canfa international lecture tour with McGill (Shelley Richardson)

**Operations:** Reduces the environmental impact of the physical college campus.

- Aiken Hall to be first LEED certified building (Michel George)
- Carbon Action Planning with BED and VT Gas (Michel George, Tom Bonnette)
- CFX heat exchanger and hot water heater booster installed in IDX cafeteria (Tom Bonnette)

- Variable speed kitchen exhaust system installed in IDX cafeteria (Tom Bonnette)
- Pre-consumer cafeteria composting (Ted DiGrande, Rick Salamin)
- Composting at Accepted Students Day and Spring Meltdown (Ted DiGrande)
- Local Food Catering Option (Linda Wheeler, Sandi Earle)
- Green Seal certified cleaning products (Tom Bonnette)
- 308 Maple renovation includes building insulation, efficient windows and boiler (Tom Bonnette)
- Chiller plant motor replacement and piping insulation (Tom Bonnette)

Operations continued...

**Campus Culture:** Visible display of sustainable lifestyle in student life, across campus, and outside the classroom.

- Spring Hill Solution presentation on carbon footprint at campus retreat (David Provost)
- Eco-Reps work study program peer educators (Gabriel Calvi, Alison Livengood, Rachel Salois)
  - Res Hall recycling tour with CSWD info
  - Sustainable RA award in collaboration with Res Life
  - Tap water taste test
  - Facebook.com pages
  - Monthly *Current* articles
- Environmental Club (Albert Martini, Brendan Anson-Pritchard)
  - Cafeteria Food Scrap collection and weighing project (Albert Martini)
  - Campus tour and community garden site proposal (Michael Lange)
  - Tour of CSWD Material Recovery Facility (Brendan Anson-Pritchard)
  - Consumption Junktion res hall energy challenge (Brendan Anson-Pritchard)
  - Invasive species volunteer workday with Richmond Land Trust (Rachel Salois)
- LEAD service and civic engagement options from Environmental Club (Gabriel Calvi, Jennifer Sweeney)
- February Month of Action, Education and Environmental Responsibility (Gabriel Calvi)
  - Common Ground Dialogue: Energy and the Environment (Shelli Goldsweig)
  - Sustainability Challenge (Gabriel Calvi)
  - Waste Free Living tabling and gift certificates (Gabriel Calvi)
  - National Teach In on Global Warming Solutions (Gabriel Calvi)
  - Flow: The Film (Gabriel Calvi)
- 10 students go to Power Shift conference and lobby day in Washington DC (Gabriel Calvi)
- Tap Into Champlain Water Bottle Initiative (Sarah Cohen, Rob Williams, Tom Bonnette, David Provost)
- Sustain Champlain Water bottles distributed to: Human Resources, Res Life, LEAD Advisors, Trustees, Student Life, Single Parents Program, Development, Phone-A-Thon, Study Abroad,
- Presentation on campus sustainability initiatives to Champlain College tour guides (Gabriel Calvi)
- Presentation to Staff Council on sustainability initiatives for every department (Sarah Cohen, Lara Scott, Gabriel Calvi)
- Green Lunches: an informal opportunity for our campus to talk sustainability (Gabriel Calvi, Sarah Cohen)
- [Sustain Champlain Blog](#) (Gabriel Calvi, Sarah Cohen)
- Campus newsletter emails (Gabriel Calvi)
- Partnership with Intervale Food Basket (Sarah Cohen)
- Faculty Senate/Division Meeting switch from bottles to pitchers (Sarah Cohen)
- Sustainable Eating and Local Food day with VT Soy and compost (Sandi Earle, Gabriel Calvi)
- Way To Go! Commuter Challenge and Car Free Campus (Tee Mulhall, Gabriel Calvi)

- Move Out | Recycle | Donate (Lara Scott, Katie Colleran)
- Staff development reusable bag gift printed with Sustain Champlain logo (David Wolfe)

The following recommendations would further reduce Champlain College's environmental impact and increase the visibility of current sustainability initiatives.

### **Recommendations for Academic Year 2009-2010**

#### **Institutions:**

- Expand Sustain Champlain membership to represent all departments and academic divisions
- Create green fund building on this years donation from the Senior Gift
- Refine how Sustainability Coordinator works with Sustain Champlain
- Expand Sustainability Coordinator to a full time position
- Provide space for Sustainability Coordinator in the core campus to meet with and engage students
- Create a plan for succession of Sustain Champlain co-chair leadership

#### **Academics:**

- Promote environmental proficiency as a college wide competency
- Supplement the Core Division curriculum whenever possible
- Explore ways to build "sustainability" or "triple bottom line" into Business Curriculum
- Work with individual faculty to use the physical campus as a learning tool
- Build relationship with developing Environmental Policy program
- Formalize sustainability Speaker Series

#### **Operations:**

- Continue building and renovating to highest feasible LEED category
- Explore feasibility of terraced Community Garden behind Joyce/IDX student life center
- Add environmental protection to janitorial contracts
- Expand composting program in the cafeteria
- Build partnership with Sodexo food services
- Commit to a green up strategy for IT at Champlain for students, faculty, and staff

#### **Campus Culture:**

- Expand partnership with LEAD
- Increase visibility at New Student Orientation
- Develop presentations for Res Hall meetings early in the year
- Student leadership trainings; Peer Advisors, Orientation Leaders, Residential Assistants
- Host community building events such as Speakeasy
- Solicit more student input on how they think sustainability can be expanded at Champlain
- Formalize Green Lunches as monthly brown bag topical discussion
- Maintain weekly Twitter updates
- Develop and refine CarShare VT outreach plans
- Promote carpool and rideshare boards via CATMA or other options