**Academic Retreat 2008**

**“COMMUNITY, SUSTAINABILITY, UNIVERSITY ” (CSU)**

Discussion Questions and Answers

Environmental Sustainability

Discuss environmental sustainability life as it relates to the posters, comments made by the speakers, and the background readings?

* Environmental transformation
* Have healthy food available in all communities
* U-pass/ transportation/ parking/ air quality 🡪 bike rental point-to-point, rent by month also bike lane increase
* environmental sustainability in relationship to economic and equity
* Policy via Long Beach city and economic equity
* Recycling (i.e. stop the usage of Styrofoam containers)
* Carbon footprint- baseline (5 yr)
* Codify- policies of city of Long Beach
* Flagship
* Harmonize E4 (2)
* building

What does sustaining environmental sustainability mean in the short term (up to 5 years)?

* Extend and expand to CC LB transit free ride
* Assessment of carbon footprint
* Policies via a-vi long beach

What does environmental sustainability mean in the long term (10 to 20 years)?

* More fuel efficient lawns
* Plant drought tolerant plants
* More vigilance in watering up less on campus
* Elevating our practices to pollution
* Port revenues

What are the opportunities and challenges to environmental sustainability?

* Recycling bins in classrooms, offices, dorms, hallways
* No electronic waste in regular garbage bins

What are your specific recommendations on how the University and the Community can best collaborate to promote and improve the educational sustainability of the city and the region?

* University-wide actions will spread to the community
* Promoting the Recycling Center
* More opportunities for events like the Academic Senate Retreat
* Expand access to the community to our campus on nights and weekends
* CSULB and the endowed portions of the community (such as the Port) need to create pathways of access on impacted portions of Long Beach (the Dr. Del Casino) described. The University needs to have satellite accessible campus sites in impacted areas. The port needs to create employment and support access for residents of impacted areas.
* Faculty and university advocate for healthy sustainment of the environment
* Exercise facilitating cultural experiences and educational opportunities
* More opportunities to bring community and university together
* Expand access of university to community especially on weekends and evenings for use of green spaces, etc…
* Enhance receptive climate of university to students
* Improve quality of housing
* More university satellite in economically impacted areas.
* University research center
* Create a university-wide center, linked to the community

What resources and expertise can the University provide to support your recommendations? Be specific.

* Time and effort to bring awareness can be done with volunteers
* Use available networks through President Alexander and Mayor Foster
* CSULB needs to provide both economic and political support from the top to do more outreach into the community, like satellite university courses, and community days and nights on campus.
* More financial support for teachers teaching in satellite areas
* Address appropriate workload so that quality is maintained and burnout avoided
* Get support from local government - Mayor Foster
* Lessen barriers for use of university facilities
* Provide an open forum for community relating to environmental needs
* Commitment from the university to environmental sustainability