

1. Title Page:



Humanities Green Team Outreach and Engagement Internship

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Provost's Sustainability Internship Program: Humanities

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2. Abstract: *250 words, maximum*

The Provost's Sustainability Intern worked hand-in-hand with the Humanities Green Team (HGT) towards creating a sustainable environment in the Humanities division. The HGT works to implement sustainable practices by collaborating with other green initiatives and groups at UC Santa Cruz. This project is focused around achievable, sustainable ideas such as creating Zero Waste stations on all floors of the Humanities 1 building. Furthermore, the Green Team also creates green events like monthly Green Walks as well as an annual Earth Day event. We work towards engagement and outreach by creating quarterly newsletters and updating the HGT webpage.

3. Introduction: Problem Definition, Context & Background: *200-400 words maximum*

This internship deals with fostering sustainable practices in the Humanities division. As a Green Team Intern, I work towards engaging Humanities faculty, staff and students in sustainable projects. The Green Team internship falls under Section III part F of the University of California – Policy Sustainable Practices. Specifically, the Humanities internship works towards “waste reduction in the following order: reduce, reuse, and then recycle” through numerous projects and initiatives throughout the year (PSP, 2016). To achieve this, the Humanities Green Team is involved with the Green Office Certification program, through the Sustainability Office, as well as the Zero Waste by 2020 Initiative. We are a pilot in Green Offices by having all academic departments Green Office Certified. Moreover, the Green Team works towards zero waste by teaching faculty and staff on the specifics of recycling and compost at UCSC and in Santa Cruz altogether. Additionally, the Humanities Green Team Internship, through the Provost's Sustainability Internship, is classified under the “Learning and Culture” section of the Campus Sustainability Plan because our vision is to

make the Humanities Division more sustainable by building awareness, promoting Zero Waste and expanding the HGT. The Green Team achieves “campus and community engagement” through green events and other networks of outreach.

4. Project Description: *350-700 words*

Our goals for the year included achieving zero waste in the Humanities Division to work towards with the 2020 Zero Waste Initiative on campus by ensuring that all academic offices are Green Office Certified and by engaging staff and faculty in green practices both in the office and in their everyday lives. In order to attain our goals, we worked towards facilitating quarterly Lunch and Learn events with a focus on sustainability/sustainable practices. These events were aimed at starting conversations about sustainability. One of the accomplishments by the Green Team was having a water refill station installed in floors 2, 4, and 6 of the Humanities 1 building. To help engage faculty and staff, we hosted monthly Green Walk events in which all Humanities staff and faculty were invited to learn more about the green resources on campus such as the Chadwick Garden, the Thimann Greenhouses, and the Arboretum. Additionally, we sent out quarterly newsletters that updated the staff and faculty about the different sustainability-focused projects and information from the HGT. We plan on improving our web page by updating information, including links and pictures. We also strive to create and share Green Tips to staff and faculty through our newsletters and events. Some other objectives included improving Zero Waste Signage on all 4 Zero Waste stations in the Humanities Building, expanding Zero Waste Stations to 2 floors (1 and 6), 8 offices and 2 conference rooms. The work of the HGT is important because it allows for everyone to get involved and learn more about sustainability and the steps towards a healthier environment. We work to engage everyone in the Humanities division in order to create a green community. I hope the internship will expand its goals to include getting other academic divisions

involved in sustainability through events and outreach. Additionally, I would love to see the project get involved with other sustainability groups on campus. The project created by the HGT should be replicated in all other divisions at UCSC.

5. Project Timeline:

- Halloween Lunch and Learn 10/31/16- Introduction to Humanities Division as new Provost's Sustainability Intern
- Meditation 101 11/17/16- Presented Green Tips
- Fall Newsletter 12/14/16- Update staff and faculty on Green Team happenings
- Green Walk #2 2/15/17- Encourage Humanities division to visit and learn more about UCSC Arboretum (cancelled)
- Winter Newsletter 3/7/17
- Green Walk #3 3/15/17- Help faculty and staff learn more about Thimann Rooftop Greenhouses (See Appendix B, Image 1)
- Spring Newsletter 4/10/17
- Earth Day 4/20/17- Engage faculty and staff in Earth Day celebration, share Green Tips, listen to presentation about Language of Conversation (See Appendix C, Image 1)

January
23-27

- Talk to Green Office Cert team about newsletter and plaque for Certification of the Division
- Talk to Shauna about Sus. Newsletter (article about Humanities Division)



January
30-3

- Prep for Green Walk #2 (talk to Victoria about tour of Arboretum, figure out how to get there, get started on fliers)



Feb
6- 10

- Work on Green Team Webpage
- Start prep for Earth Day (create Canva posters, email possible food donors)



Feb
13-17

- Do WCMS tutorial lab and change header for Green Team page
- Continue to update quarterly newsletter (work on Brij's interview)
- Continue looking for Green Tips



Feb
20-24

- Discuss plan for Sustainability Pledges for faculty and staff



Feb
27-3

- Finish details on newsletter
- Send out Newsletter

March
6-10

- Earth Day Prep: get in contact with companies (donors) from Nov.



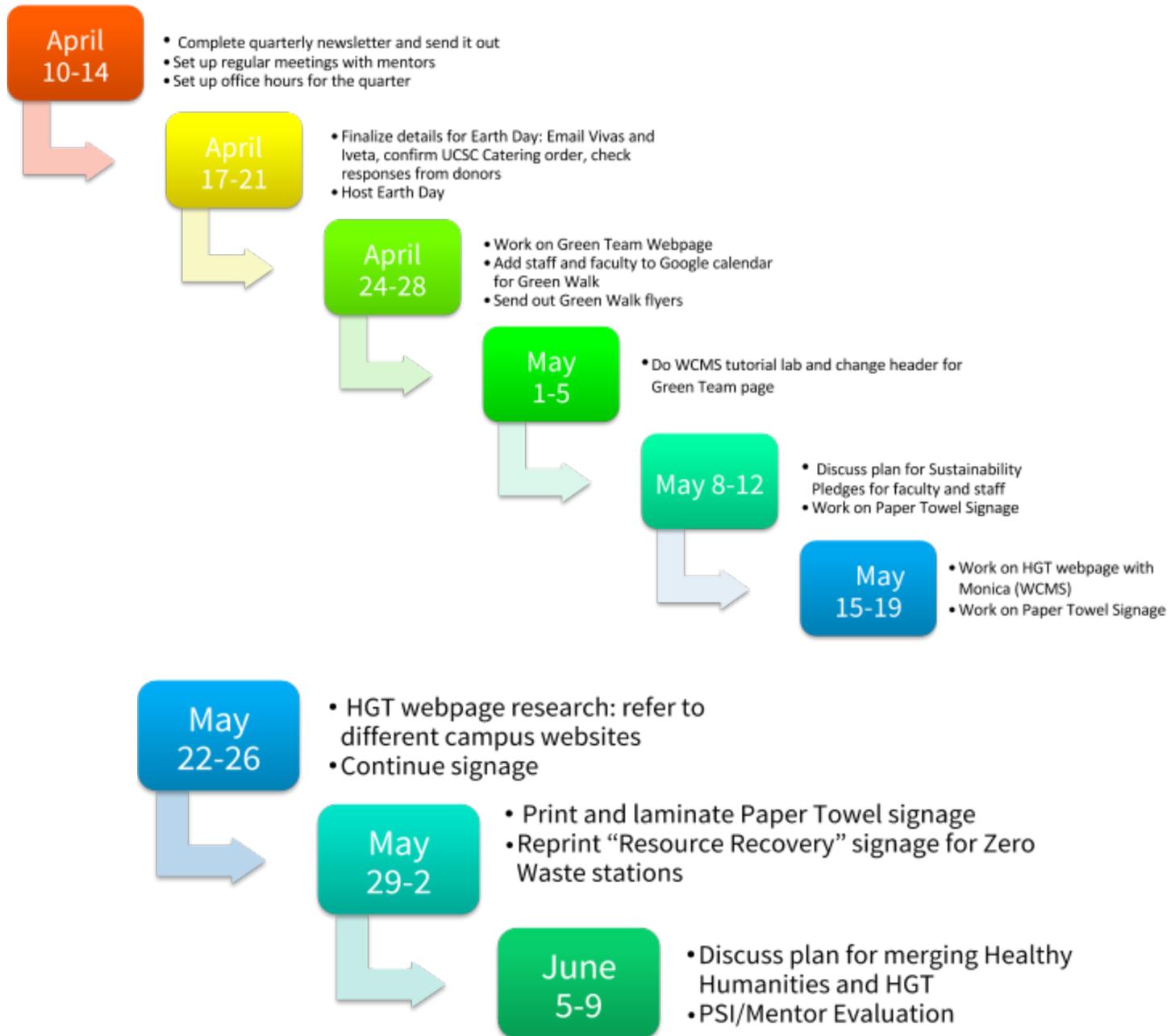
March
13-17

- Prep for Green Walk: create sign in sheet, add to Google Calendar
- Contact Jim from Thimman Greenhouses again



March
20-34

- Green Walk debrief



6. Project Stakeholders, Student & Mentor Roles: 200-400 words

This project is aimed towards the staff, faculty and students of the Humanities Division. My mentors, Evin Guy and Anthony Grant, are the leaders of the Humanities Green Team which is open to all Humanities faculty and staff. The Green Team works with the Sustainability Office in many different aspects of our projects. First and foremost, the Sustainability Office is responsible for

fostering the Provost's Sustainability Internship. Secondly, the Humanities Green Team has collaborated with the Green Office Certification Program through the Sustainability Office. Additionally, we joined forces with the Recycling Operations of the UCSC Grounds Services in order to expand our Zero Waste Stations by two more floors in the Humanities 1 building. As a Provost's Sustainability Intern, I have worked with Victoria Tichy, the Arboretum intern, to plan a Green Walk in the Spring quarter. Our Earth Day event will be our largest event, seeking multiple food donors local to Santa Cruz as well as sustainable food companies from all around. I have been in contact with the Zero Waste team from the Sustainability Office and Humanities professor Daniel Guevara to make presentations at Earth Day. Our funds come from the Health Humanities budget to host events such as Earth Day and quarterly Lunch and Learns.

7. Measurable Results *200-400 words*

Our quarterly goals and our success was measured by how many academic departments (including staff, faculty, and students) we get to participate in events and conversations. We measured awareness and engagement by having 30 views on our quarterly newsletters, surveys, etc. We had 8 subscribers to our newsletters along 75% of Humanities faculty and staff opening the Fall newsletter and 75% opening the Winter newsletter. Additionally, we had about 6 Humanities employees attend our sustainability events. We had about 45 attendees at our annual Earth Day event. We have achieved the goal of having all 11 department offices Green Office Certified. 1 water bottle refill station has been installed on the second, fourth and sixth floors of the Humanities 1 building.

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9. Appendices:

1. "Appendix A"
2. "Appendix B"
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Appendix A

Image 1



Image 2



Image 3



Appendix B

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Appendix C

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