Cal Poly Named 2010 Campus Sustainability Leader

GreenReportCard.org Gives University B+ on Annual College Sustainability Report Card

SAN LUIS OBISPO – GreenReportCard.org has named Cal Poly a Campus Sustainability Leader for 2010 for its ongoing efforts in sustainable campus practices -- the only California State University campus to earn the award.

Cal Poly moved up to an overall B+ for 2010 on the annual College Sustainability Report Card, from a B- in 2009.

The university was graded on eight of nine possible categories. It earned As in Administration, Climate Change & Energy, Student Involvement and Transportation and Bs for Food & Recycling, Green Building and Endowment Transparency. In the Investment Priorities category, the university earned a C. According to greenreportcard.org, the university was not eligible to be graded in the Shareholder Engagement category because "it does not have the ability to vote proxies, as the entire endowment is invested in mutual funds or other commingled funds."

Larry Kelley, Cal Poly’s vice president for Administration and Finance, said he is pleased the university moved up by two grades this year. “We work very hard to meet and exceed standards in our sustainable campus practices. The dedication of our students, faculty and staff to support Cal Poly’s excellence in sustainability is evidenced in our report card this year."

For more information about sustainable practices at Cal Poly, visit http://www.facilities.calpoly.edu/sustainability/index.htm.

About GreenReportCard.org

GreenReportCard.org is an interactive Web site that provides in-depth sustainability profiles for hundreds of colleges in all 50 U.S. states and in Canada. Information is based on extensive research conducted for the College Sustainability Report Card.

The Report Card is designed to identify colleges and universities that lead by example in their commitment to sustainability. The aim is to provide accessible information for schools to learn from one another’s
experiences, enabling them to establish more effective sustainability policies.

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