



## New Sustainability Initiatives for 2014

### ***Bay Area Social Entrepreneurship Business Plan Competition***

In partnership with the Foothill College Entrepreneurship Center, we will co-sponsor an annual Business Plan competition --open to all Bay Area community college students -- focused on creating sustainable green business startups and “social businesses” along the lines described by Nobel Prize winner Mohammed Yunus. Generous funding is being provided by a prominent group of Silicon Valley venture capitalists. We are negotiating with Stanford University to act as the host campus for this event each spring.

### ***Faculty Senate Sustainability-across-the-Curriculum Initiative***

Working closely with the leadership of the Foothill College Faculty Senate, we are launching an initiative to infuse discussions around “sustainability, equity, and integrity” into our curricular and pedagogical programs campus-wide.

### ***Federal EPA Environmental Education Model Grant Proposal***

We have recently taken a lead role in submitting a \$75,000 grant proposal to the Federal Environmental Protection Agency to fund selected faculty for curriculum development around issues of sustainability within their own disciplines.

### ***Infusing Sustainability into the California \$75 million Online Education Initiative Grant***

Working with our Chancellor’s office, we’re initiating ongoing discussions about how to build sustainability (as a consistent theme) into a recently-awarded block grant to Foothill/DeAnza/Butte colleges to create a model online curriculum delivery system for the state of California.

### ***One-Million Kilowatt Challenge***

In partnership with our Foothill College Science Learning Institute, our District has recently been awarded the Community Energy Champions Grant by the City of San Jose for “The One Million Kilowatt Hour Challenge,” a project that combines robust building analysis and energy retrofits with behavioral outreach to students. Our district is one of 5 award recipients. The Foothill Center for a Sustainable Future has already played a lead role in bringing students into the equation as “energy champions” both on campus and on a regional basis.