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Listed below are points on the A.S.U.C. Green Certification Program Checklist that BMUN has met over the course of the semester. The points are categorized appropriately.

Pre-requisites

1. Sustainability Team

BMUN has a sustainability team of 5 people, which falls under the 'Social Responsibility' umbrella. This team is responsible for (but not limited to) the following:

- Purchasing and bringing compostable utensils to meetings and conference events.
- Ensuring waste is properly sorted and placed in the appropriate receptacles.
- Brainstorming new cost-efficient ways for the club to become more environmentally friendly.

2. Minimum 25% Green Certified Events

BMUN hosted one large-scale event from March 4th – 6th (1,700 attendees) this semester before its involvement in the ASUC Green Certification program. While the event was not officially Green Certified, BMUN took a number of steps to ensure the sustainability of our conference. These steps are outlined in the checklist below.

3. Information Sessions

BMUN uses PowerPoint presentations to educate new members about the club's sustainability efforts. These PowerPoint presentations also provide instructions on how to properly dispose of waste and minimize resources. Furthermore, BMUN makes it mandatory for all attendees of our conference to sit through a sustainability presentation before committee session gets underway (See Appendix 1).

Waste Management (5 points)

- Group recycles all 1 & 2 plastics, glass bottles and cans within the office or at meeting **(1 point)**
 - We separate recyclables appropriately during meetings and during the conference (in all 20 committees and secretariat lounge). **(See Appendix 2).**

- Group practices composting at all meetings and events/in the office or at meeting. (Must deposit in a compost receptacle) **(2 points)**
 - Compost is left at compost receptacles at GBC or the MLK garage. **(See Appendices 1, 2 and 3).**
- Group offers compostable plates, cups, and utensils at events, meetings, and activities. Must deposit in a compost receptacle for point to be valid. **(1 point)**
 - Compostable utensils are provided at every single meeting and during the conference. **(See Appendix 3)**
- Group recycles all unused publications. **(1 point)**
 - BMUN tries to avoid waste by producing the exact number of booklets needed throughout the conference. However, if any unused publications remain they are placed in recycling bins.

Advertising and Paper Reduction (7 points)

- Group emails meeting minutes/agenda instead of passing out paper copies **(1 point)**
 - All agendas are emailed to the Officer Corps. before meetings. **(See Appendix 4).**
- Group advertises all events, meetings, and activities without the use of paper; digitally and verbally (i.e L.E.D Light Board (pending)), Facebook, classroom announcements, etc) **(5 points)**
 - We have taken the initiative to make advertisement, registration, advisor updates and speech submission for the BMUN conference completely online. We send advisors a 'digital postcard' which links them to various destinations on our website. **(See Appendix 5).**
- Group projects documents and other information during meetings to save paper handouts **(1 point)**
 - During our conference we project resolutions (proposed solutions) on the screen rather than using the traditional method (paper handouts). **(See Appendix 6).**

Transportation (7 points)

- Group utilizes video or phone conferencing for gatherings that would otherwise require traveling more than 100 miles **(1 point per conference x 6)**

- We use conference calls / Skype video conferencing when having a meeting with our board of directors (which consists of alumni), many of whom live far away. We have had 6 such meetings this semester (2 per board committee). **(See Appendix 7 for example).**
- Group carools (3 or more per vehicle) or uses public transportation for outings, activities and story coverage **(1 point)**
 - We occasionally have social events to promote cohesion within our organization. We try to avoid traveling to be more sustainable and save costs, but when we must travel we carpool. **(See Appendix 8).**

Food & Dining at Meetings, Activities and Outings (3 points)

- Group offers compostable plates, cups, and utensils. Must deposit in a compost receptacle for point to be valid. **(2 points)**
 - Please see attached receipt and slides. Compost is left at compost receptacles at GBC or the MLK garage. **(See Appendix 3).**
- Group offers sustainable water containers (either small personal ones or larger 3-5 gallon coolers). **(1 point)**
 - We provide all members with steel canteens to use during meetings and the conference (please see the attached photo). In fact, we don't allow members to use plastic bottles at all. **(See Appendix 9).**

Total Number of points attained: 22

As the USG of Social Responsibility I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, everything contained in this report is represented fairly and accurately.

Shreyans Kothari

Under Secretary-General of Social Responsibility

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Appendix 1 – Sample PowerPoint Slides

Slides Outline x

2 In Every Committee Room...

Save these signs to refer throughout the school

Use the trash can provided by the school (don't already in the room)

Dispose of them in MLK garage after each day's committee

3 Waste Diversion Home Base in MLK Garage

- Composting
- Paper Recycling
- Bottle/Can Recycling

Bring back your recyclables after each day's committee & then then send them in the prearranged slots in the garage. If they are unused, please send them for the following day.

Let me if you are at all unsure!! Be sending food items after this meeting.

4 Welcome to {insert Committee Name Here} Sustainability @ BMUN 59

COMPOST	RECYCLE	TRASH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Food waste like apple cores and orange rinds - Food soiled paper napkins and containers - Corn-based cups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paper (including notes passed during committee) - Plastic bottles and lids (numbered 1 & 2) - Aluminum cans - Tin foil 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Plastic Food Wrappers - Bottles and cans numbered 3 and above

BMUN CATERING FOR SALE \$10

- Reusable
- Stainless Steel
- GPO Free
- Gold @ Delegate Dance

5 Hydration @ BMUN59

- Please bring your own water! Set a precedent for your delegates.
- Make use of the water fountains in your own building.

Set for \$10 apiece for delegates

Appendix 2 – Photo of waste separation



Appendix 4 – Electronic agendas

[Officers] First Officers' Meeting TOMORROW (Wednesday) Inbox | X


★ Jason Keovichit to Andrew, Bill, me, Jennifer, Kareem, Angela, Kunal, Ginny, Kat [show details](#) Apr 26 (4 days ago) 📎 ↩ Reply ▼

Hey guys,

A reminder that we're having our first officers' meeting tomorrow (Wednesday) in 205 Wheeler at 7. It'll be short and sweet, just going over the stuff we need to have ready when we go to our officers' retreat in August. We'll also be doing staff selections. I've attached an agenda of what we'll be going over, try to have stuff prepared for your section. See you manana.

Love,
Jason

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< Please see attached World Centric receipt >

Appendix 5 – Digital Postcard



Dear Advisors and Delegates,

It is my distinct privilege to invite you to the 60th session of Berkeley Model United Nations, the oldest high school conference in the world and largest conference on the West Coast. Our 60th Diamond Session will be held from **March 9th-11th, 2012** on the prestigious UC Berkeley campus. For BMUN 60, we are especially excited about the following features:

- A **Press Corps committee**, where delegates will interact with news publications rather than performing as a country, utilizing news articles from the past and the present to solve a range of international crises.

- Increased level of **inter-committee crises** for all committees, not just for the specialized committee delegates.

- An improvement in **providing scholarship opportunities**, in order to offer the opportunity for more delegates to attend our conference. For our Diamond Session, BMUN is excessively dedicated to providing need-based scholarships to all prospective attendees.

All of these features will be in conjunction with our traditional committees, which range from General Assembly committees to our bilingual (English and Spanish) committee OAS. In honor of BMUN's commitment to sustainability as the first entirely sustainable Model United Nations conference, information regarding registration, our conference timeline, scholarships, and more can be found at the advisor's hub of our website at **advisors.bmun.net**. If you have any questions, concerns, or requests, or would like to have a physical copy of registration information mailed to you, please feel free to contact me at **info@bmun.net**. We hope to see you in March!

Regards,

Ginny Sklar
Under-Secretary General of External Relations, 60th Session
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Appendix 6 – Projected documents



Appendix 7 – Phone conferences

★ **Aaron Ordower** to Yasmeen, Bryan, Eric, Marie, rachelwhyte, virginia-sklar, christinedeake., [show details](#) 10/8/10  [Reply](#) ▼

Ladies and gents,

I'm looking forward to speaking with you this **Sunday October 10, 2-4 PST**.


Dial-in info is: [\(605\) 477-3000](#); Participant Access Code: 376120#


Please take a look at the agenda which is attached. Largely based upon the document you've already seen. Please let me know if you want to suggest something be added.

Can someone please volunteer to take minutes for the meeting?


Talk to you Sunday,

Aaron
cell: [310-699-6944](#)

 **Outreach Agenda Oct 10.docx**
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[Reply](#) [Reply to all](#) [Forward](#)  Aaron is not available to chat

Outreach Committee Call tomorrow 11-1pm PST Inbox | X

★ **Aaron Ordower** to bmunoutreachco., bmun-board, Charlene, virginia-sklar [show details](#) 11/13/10  [Reply](#) ▼

Dear Outreach committee,

Tomorrow morning at 11am PST we will have our next conference call. I do not anticipate it to last more than an hour, but please save the two hours. Secretariat members depart at 1pm for their Fall retreat so we will be sure to finish before they have to be off.

The dial in info is (605) 477-3000, code: 376120#


We'll discuss what we learned from the Delegate Workshop and how we can use that information and plans under way with the Social Responsibility to scale up these initiatives long term.

If you did have a productive 30 days and were able to discuss your strategic goals, please come prepared to share your thoughts.

Look forward to speaking with you tomorrow. Agenda is attached.

Have a great Saturday night,

Aaron

 **Outreach Agenda Nov 14.docx**
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Appendix 8 – Carpooling + Public Transportation

[Members] [BMUN] banquet rides

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★ Jennifer Glimp to members

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Hey everyone,

We are still short drivers for banquet, so unfortunately a few people are going to have to take the bus. The 51B takes you right next to the restaurant at the Seawall Dr. and University Ave. stop (0.2 miles away to be exact) so it is very convenient. I just need a few volunteers to ride the bus, please respond to this email if you are willing! Shrey and Wild Bill Chen have already volunteered so you'll be in good company. I'll send out the list of rides once I get bus volunteers.

Thanks!

Jenna

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Appendix 9 – Personal Water Bottles

