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**Subject:** RE: AASHE Sustainability Question  
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We're going to miss some AASHE STAR points ☹

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**Subject:** Re: AASHE Sustainability Question

Hi Beth,  
Unfortunately, the Provost has not supported this type of activity for two years. The incentive programs we have supported have grant support. Bryan and I will be advocating for some Student Success money to resurrect some of these programs.  
Thanks,  
Rudy

On Thu, Sep 26, 2019 at 3:17 PM Beth Weinman <[bweinman@csufresno.edu](mailto:bweinman@csufresno.edu)> wrote:

AASHE STARS is asking if we have incentives for faculty to develop new courses, specifically:

"Does the institution have an ongoing program or programs that offer incentives for faculty in multiple disciplines or departments to develop new sustainability courses and/or incorporate sustainability into existing courses? (The program must specifically aim to increase student learning of sustainability to count.)"

I'd say that the development of BOND with the STEM Collaboratives did this along with some of the PBL and FLC professional development programs CFE used to support. But, that was some years ago, so I'm not sure if there's any incentive-mechanisms in place now? Curious for your inputs...

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**Subject:** Re: FW: Survey Results  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 25, 2020 4:34:17 PM

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We can't say every department does sustainability research, right? Tim finished converting SARs to excel. And is pulling out sustainability related ones. I will send tomorrow to you when he finishes that.

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On Tue, Feb 25, 2020 at 3:49 PM Beth Weinman <[bweinman@csufresno.edu](mailto:bweinman@csufresno.edu)> wrote:

This is the information we need for the reporting. Thank you so much for doing that for us 😊

**From:** Douglas Carey <[dcarey@mail.fresnostate.edu](mailto:dcarey@mail.fresnostate.edu)>  
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Hi Beth,

Thanks for your notes/questions about sustainability research. I ran your questions by Dean Marshall this afternoon and unfortunately neither of us are aware of any programs on campus that encourage students/faculty to conduct research in sustainability. We also don't have a formal program that encourages or incentivizes faculty to conduct interdisciplinary/multidisciplinary research, although our grant managers are always looking for possible opportunities.

On your other question, I think it's safe to list every college/department on campus as research active. There are more than a few that may not show up in our annual report, but

I'm guessing those departments still conduct some type of scholarly activity that would meet the criteria.

Thanks again for your interest in leveraging sustainability research on campus; please don't hesitate to reach out to us anytime....Doug

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On Tue, Feb 18, 2020 at 4:03 PM Gayle Sherwood <[gasherwood@csufresno.edu](mailto:gasherwood@csufresno.edu)> wrote:

Let me loop in our Director, Doug Carey. Doug, do you know the answer to these questions below?

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On Tue, Feb 18, 2020 at 3:57 PM Beth Weinman <[bweinman@mail.fresnostate.edu](mailto:bweinman@mail.fresnostate.edu)> wrote:

*Definitely helps*, and I'm curious if you'd be able to consult with Dean Marshall for a bit more guidance? There are quite a few more questions about sustainability-related research in our institution, so we would eventually need his approval on our findings (he's part of our Water and Sustainability Internal Advisory meetings, so we can consult more with him Fri Feb 28<sup>th</sup>). I can put down all departments as research active for now, but if it's not correct, it'll wrongly weigh our audit score down (boo).

Aside from number of research-active departments, there are a few more Gayle-guidance-needing questions:

1. Is there a student research program that encourages students to conduct research in sustainability? *I know we have system-wide programs like WRPI, COAST, CSUPERB, but I think they want to know if we have a program coordinated from on campus.*
2. Is there a program that encourages faculty to conduct research on sustainability topics? Have any incentives been given to faculty and what are the outcomes from the past 3 years?
3. Is there a program that encourages faculty to conduct interdisciplinary/multidisciplinary research? Any incentives given and outcomes from the past 3 years?

Thank you!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Hi Beth,

Happy to assist! Tricky question, and you can check our website's "SAR" reports to figure out which departments submit, but I'd wager that all departments do research - all of them have the ability to reach out to us and apply for external opportunities, and even the art departments do research...

but on a much smaller, often internally funded scale.

We are heavier in the sciences when it comes to submissions (as is everyone in the entire world, I'd wager) - but that's probably because there's money for it offered at all levels. Humanities research exists as well, but less funded more often by private foundations (and incredibly competitive).

Hopefully this helps!

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On Tue, Feb 18, 2020 at 3:22 PM Beth Weinman <[bweinman@mail.fresnostate.edu](mailto:bweinman@mail.fresnostate.edu)> wrote:

Hey Gayle—not sure who is the best person to bother at ORSP, and since you're my current favorite, you're my top pestering. I'm working on sustainability AASHE STAR data for the Chancellor's Office, and there's a question asking for the number of academic departments that have at least one faculty doing research. Do all departments do research? Or is it a subset?

**From:** Laura Ramos <[lramos@csufresno.edu](mailto:lramos@csufresno.edu)>

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Beth,

Our office is going to do several things from this survey. Some of it might be more useful format for you than this. But let me know.

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