Office of Sustainability
Academic Action Items

The following action items have been identified for potential implementation:

1. Formalize the Office of Sustainability not a recognized Center that can serve as a clearinghouse for variety of activities including:
   - Establish speaker database – listing of experts and practitioners willing to speak in classes
   - Professor exchange – set up internal exchange where campus professors and professional staff are available to go into classes and deliver lessons/talks on their expertise
   - Create inventory of campus data available for use in classroom projects/research
   - Create list of campus and community research questions suitable for both undergraduate and graduate research, i.e. campus and community as living, learning lab
   - Communicate sustainability related events on campus and in surrounding community
   - Maintain course database of sustainability offerings
   - Maintain research database of faculty research
   - Communication calls for conferences, publication opportunities an grant opportunities
   - Create Faculty Ambassador program linking student research/applied learning project with faculty mentors

2. Provide Professional Development opportunities
   - Sponsor a panel discussion of UAlbany colleagues illustrating how they have incorporated sustainability into their classes
   - Hold a campus workshop in collaboration with ITLAL on incorporating sustainability into existing courses and/or creating new courses
   - Sponsor faculty to attend external workshops
   - Have faculty participate in the “train the trainer” workshop
   - Hold informational on grants available and/or blue sky sessions envisioning interdisciplinary projects for grants
   - Incorporate a sustainability session into the VP of Research’s coffee hour program

3. Create new courses
   - Create a project based applied learning course associated with campus sustainability projects
   - Establish a seminar series
   - Integrate sustainability into the Gen Ed requirement and/or establish a gen ed course on sustainability
   - Create new courses with sustainability related curriculum and learning objectives
   - Create mandated course on sustainability

4. Conduct academic assessment
   - Develop course attributes for sustainability to better identify courses for database
   - Increase the number of departments that adopt sustainability learning objectives
   - Establish tools to assess student sustainability literacy

5. Build partnerships - Establish liaisons with Honors College, Office of Applied Learning, Office of Undergraduate Education and Research

6. Identify paths for faculty involvement in governance of sustainability initiatives and establish campus service opportunities/committee assignments related to office. Sustainability Innovation Grant Program, Academic Advisory Group, Ad-hoc Sustainability Plan working group are already available, how to connect these with recognized service and faculty senate committees