

Our Campus as a Living Lab symposium

- First public event of new USI – created in Jan, 2010
- Purposes of symposium are:
 - To explore key concept at heart of USI: campus as living lab
 - To showcase what we are doing now and intending to do
 - Engage with the sustainability community at UBC
 - Hear your suggestions about how to embed sustainability into UBC's operations, academic programs, and research

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SEEDS and PICS

Our Campus Life

Sustainability in our
classrooms and beyond

Our Campus Systems

Meeting our 2015 goals

Lunch and keynote address (Pierre Ouillet)

University as Agent of Change – our partners

Our Campus Life

Living in the laboratory

Our Campus Systems

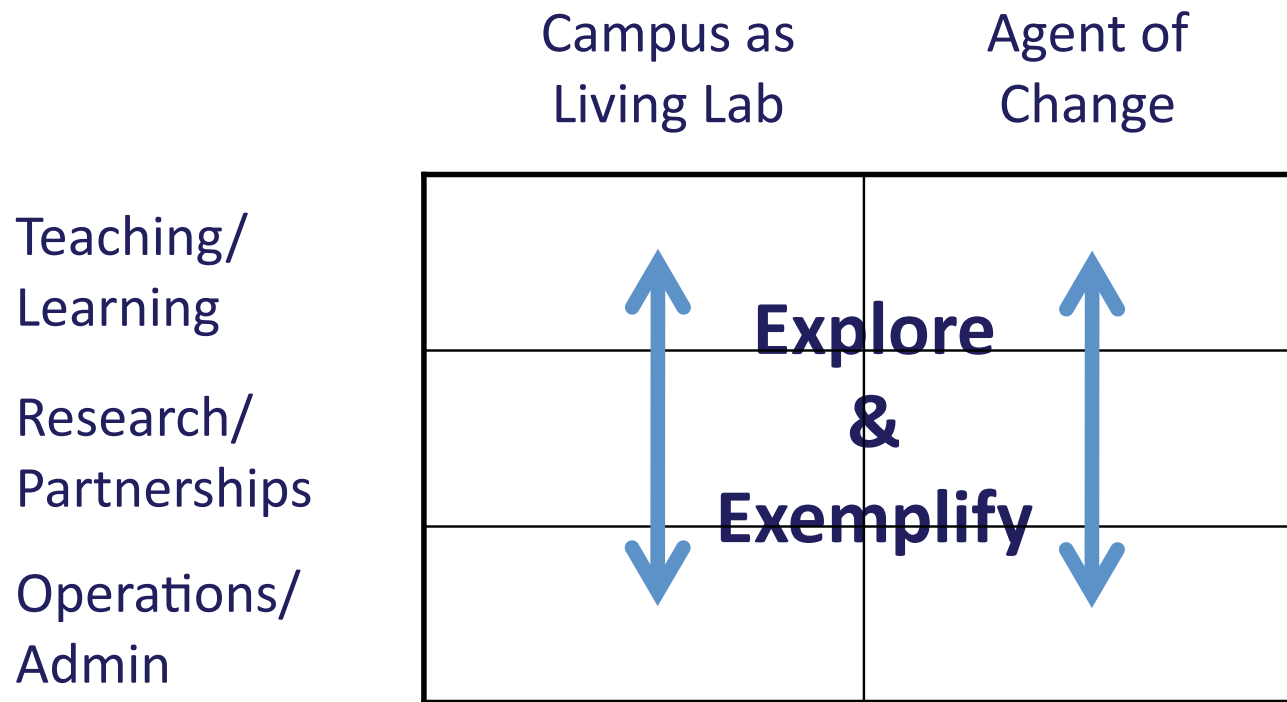
Pushing past 33%

Blueprint and Big Ideas (John Hepburn)

USI Driving Forces

- Sustainability track record (10 years)
- Leadership (Stephen Toope, Executive)
- Provincial policy context (carbon pricing, mandated LEED Gold for new construction)
- Socio-cultural context in BC (e.g. recruitment effects)
- Arrival of CIRS on Vancouver campus

UBC Sustainability Academic Strategy



Campus as sustainability test-bed: societal proving grounds

- Universities uniquely suited for this role
 - Owner- occupiers of significant land base and capital assets: important scale for sustainability
 - Own utilities and energy, water and waste systems
 - Public institutions, with longer planning time horizon
 - Teaching and research part of core mission
- Develop integrated campus-scale systems
 - Prove out economic and technological potential at community scale
 - Study system integration and behavioural interface
 - Engage and train students; develop new curricula and programs

Where to from here?

- Centre for Interactive Research on Sustainability (CIRS)
 - substantial completion in April; occupancy in July
 - Biggest classroom at UBC
 - Sustainable food service outlet
 - Science Commons: displays, exhibits, MQ kiosk
 - Opening conference October 2011
- Contact our Teaching and Learning Fellows
- Stay tuned for our Research and Partnerships Fellows
- www.sustain.ubc.ca
- <http://blogs.ubc.ca/sustain/author/johnr/>