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ENERGY PRESENTATION SHINES LIGHT ON UH'S SUSTAINABILITY AND ENERGY ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND FUTURE INITIATIVES

A presentation regarding how the University of Houston has made strides when it comes to energy efficiency and sustainability was recently held at the Clean Air through Energy Efficiency Conference. Sameer A. Kapileshwari, director of Utility Services, along with Cole Robinson of Controls Unlimited, LLC, co-presented *Being Green and Energy Efficient in Difficult Economic Times* on October 15, 2009 at the Renaissance Greenway Plaza in Houston. UH's portion of the presentation focused on how we've managed to successfully improve energy upgrades in the past decade. For example, in 2009, under the guidance of the Sustainability Task Force, UH has achieved several accomplishments such as drafting a sustainability policy, adopting AASHE guidelines (Association for Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education), working on the university's carbon footprint calculation, and continuing energy conservation/retro-commissioning efforts.

The presentation also unveiled the Task Force's 2010 goals regarding including sustainability information in the new student orientation sessions, and promoting campus wide sustainability events that encourage the participation of the entire campus.

In addition, discussion was held regarding a case study involving the UH School of Architecture and the measures implemented to improve efficiency of the Gerald Hines building.

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