

FORMATION – The initial formation of the Chancellor’s Sustainability Action Council was November 2004, but the committee was not formalized before the departure of the Interim Chancellor. As of August 2006, it was officially formed as the Campus Sustainability Subcommittee (CSS).

REPORTING – The UCSC CSS reports to the Advisory Committee on Facilities (ACF), one of the six executive-level committees that meet regularly to distill major policy issues, advise on operational issues, and provide the necessary background material for reports to and discussion with the Executive Advisory Council, the Campus Provost/EVC and the Chancellor.

FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS – The committee meets once every month during the academic year, September-June.

MEMBERSHIP – Committee membership is an executive group of administrative leaders in key units including the Academic Senate, Business and Administrative Services, Student Affairs, Campus and University Housing Services, Physical Planning and Construction, Physical Plant, Capital Planning and Space Management, Campus Planning, undergraduate and graduate students, and the UCOP Sustainability Manager. Membership of task teams is yet to be determined.

FUNDING – The *ad hoc* CSAC obtained funding for a campus assessment from several campus units, but not for the committee itself. Additionally, funding has just been established for a 2-year pilot program to create a Sustainability Coordinator position, reporting to the Director of Physical Plant.

STRUCTURE – Currently the executive group is the only active body of the CSS. Next year task teams will be formed to focus on Operations, Education and Outreach, and Fundraising, among other issues. Alliances with existing groups already working on campus sustainability issues, such as Food Services, are also planned.

ACTIVITIES / EVENTS ORGANIZED BY THE COMMITTEE – The *ad hoc* committee hosted the 2005 statewide sustainability conference; supported the annual Earth Summits, Education for Sustainable Living Program (ESLP) and the SEC. The CSS has recently launched the first UCSC sustainability assessment.

ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE –

- › Formation of high-level committee and top administrative management support;
- › Hosted statewide 2005 sustainability conference;
- › Approval/funding for a Campus Sustainability Assessment, currently under way;
- › Reports to ACF at its monthly meetings;
- › Obtained funding for hiring of UCSC’s first Sustainability Coordinator;
- › Drafted Campus Sustainability Vision, Mission, and Definition statements at the request of Acting Chancellor Blumenthal.

FUTURE PLANS –

- 1) Outreach and education to increase awareness:
 - a) Presentations to Academic Senate;
 - b) Involvement in student orientations at UCSC's ten colleges;
- 2) Vetting draft vision and mission statements with the campus community;
- 3) Creating an enduring Principles of Sustainability statement;
- 4) Establishment of additional subcommittees to focus on specific topics;
- 5) Annual Campus Sustainability Plan based on findings of the assessment.

OTHER IMPORTANT ASPECTS – We are attempting to create an organization that is both empowered with the support of campus leadership and open to the larger campus community, with participation from a wide cross section. The Campus Sustainability Assessment (CSA) and other on-going sustainability efforts were high-lighted in a recent video message from Interim Chancellor Blumenthal to the campus community.

DRAFT VISION / MISSION / DEFINITION STATEMENTS:

VISION: Sustainability in all aspects of university life.

MISSION: Broadening and strengthening UCSC's tradition of environmental stewardship by integrating sustainability into UCSC operations, planning, construction, research, instruction, and public service.

DEFINITION: Sustainability is defined as meeting the needs of the present without compromising ecosystems or the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. Sustainability must bring together environmental stewardship, social equity, and economic development as complementary approaches to enhancing quality of life