Chancellor’s Sustainability Committees Conference Session
UC San Diego

Committee Name: Advisory Committee on Sustainability

Formed: November 2005

Reports to:
  - Vice Chancellor- Business Affairs
  - Senior Vice Chancellor-Academic Affairs

Frequency of meetings: quarterly (3x / year)

Membership:
  - Voting members: 3 Faculty, 2 Staff, 2 Grad students, 2 Undergraduate students
  - Non-voting members (Staff & consultants): SIO, EH&S, FD&C, & Facilities Management.
  - Ex officio members: Housing & Dining, FD&C, SIO, Auxiliary & Plant Services, & Academic Affairs.

Mission Statement:
The mission of the Advisory Committee on Sustainability is to:
  - Share information about education, research, and outreach activities of UCSD in the context of environmental stewardship and sustainability and prepare periodic reports to the Chancellor and the university community.
  - Recommend and support efforts to improve environmental stewardship and sustainability in UCSD facility planning and operations.
  - Make sustainability part of ongoing UCSD education, research, operations, and outreach programs.

Goals:
  - Identify and implement opportunities to reduce footprint of campus operations (e.g. transportation, power generation and usage, water), and link these opportunities to UCSD research capabilities when appropriate
  - Identify mechanisms to incorporate the study of sustainability issues into the undergraduate curriculum where appropriate

Funding:
No direct budget has been made available. Part-time staff support available. ACS has encouraged and mentored three student-led proposals to the administration for about $100,000 of work which would occur next year. Decisions are pending.

Structure/ subcommittees:
No subcommittee structure yet. However, discussions with the ACS led to the formation of an Environmental Stewardship Task Force, which is formal multi-departmental workgroup charged to measure and report UCSD environmental performance; develop and implement an Environmental Management System; and collect, analyze, and document data for submission to the California Climate Action Registry. Membership in
the Environmental Stewardship Task force consists of: Facilities Management, Housing & Dining, FD&C, Planning, Medical Center, Student Advocate, Faculty Advocate, and the EH&S (Chair). This group will coordinate their work and findings with the ACS, but will operate as an independent campus entity.

Activities/Events organized by the Committee:
- Earth Day 2006
- Co-sponsored the presentation of the film “Too Hot Not to Handle”

Accomplishments or achievements to date:
- Environment & Sustainability Website for UCSD (http://sustain.ucsd.edu) to showcase current efforts and provide resources for faculty, staff, and students.
- ACS submitted proposals for three initiatives to be carried out next year (see next item).

Future plans
- Oversee a Campus-wide Sustainability Assessment in AY2006-07
- Oversee Student Collaborative Proposals for research on:
  - Biodiesel-powered campus shuttle system
  - Life-cycle Cost/Benefit Evaluation of Emerging Solar PV Installation on Campus Buildings