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Communication from the Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction **Patrick Finley, PharmD, Chair**

February 27, 2013

Thomas J. Newman, MD
Chair, UCSF Academic Senate Task Force on Sustainability
Office of the Academic Senate, Box 0764

Re: Proposed Creation of a Standing Committee on Sustainability

Dear Chair Newman:

On February 22, 2013, the Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction (R&J) reviewed the Sustainability Task Force's amendments ([Appendix 1](#)) to R&J's concerns and recommendations ([Appendix 2](#)) regarding creation of a standing committee on Sustainability within the UCSF Academic Senate submitted October 9, 2012 ([Appendix 3](#)). The Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction agrees that Task Force's amendments satisfy the outlined concerns and thereby approves the creation of a standing committee on Sustainability.

The proposed amendment must be approved by a vote of the Division, and subsequently approved by the System-wide University Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction before it may go into effect.

Sincerely,

The Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction

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[Appendix 1:](#) [October 9, 2012 Communication from the Sustainability Task Force Regarding Creation of a Standing Committee on Sustainability to the Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction](#)

[Appendix 2:](#) [February 21, 2013 Communication from the Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction to the Sustainability Task Force Regarding Concerns and Recommendations](#)

[Appendix 3:](#) [February 22, 2013 Communication from the Sustainability Task Force to the Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction to the Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction Responding to Concerns and Recommendations](#)



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Re: Proposed Addition of the Sustainability Committee to the Bylaws of the San Francisco Division of the Academic Senate

Dear Chair Finley,

The Sustainability Task Force requests a review by the Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction of the proposed bylaw for a new standing Sustainability Committee. This communication provides background for our proposal, as well as the specific bylaw language we propose. We seek Rules & Jurisdiction approval so we may subsequently proceed to a vote by the faculty of the Division.

General Background

Unsustainable practices in areas of energy use, water use, pollution and population growth threaten the ecosystems upon which we and other species depend for survival. The University of California "has embraced the goal of sustainability and is transforming its business practices to reduce its environmental impact and fight global warming."¹ As a health sciences campus, UCSF seeks to advance health worldwide. Increasingly this will require changing how we live, work, teach and practice in directions that are more sustainable. We believe that the creation of a new standing committee of the San Francisco Division is an important step to facilitate faculty participation in sustainability activities on our campus, within the UC System and beyond.

Background leading to the creation of the Sustainability Committee

In December 2007, then-Division Chair David Gardner created a Sustainability Task Force to identify faculty-relevant issues related to environmental sustainability at UCSF. Tom Newman served as Co-Chair of this task force with then-Division Vice Chair Elena Fuentes-Afflick. The Task Force submitted its report to Chair Gardner in January 2009. Chair Gardner forwarded the report to then-Chancellor Michael Bishop², who later appointed a Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Sustainability (CACS). Sustainability Task Force members Tom Newman and Ellen Weber were appointed as faculty representatives to CACS from its inception.

Its task accomplished, the Academic Senate Sustainability Task Force did not continue to meet after its report was submitted. However, it has become clear that continued faculty efforts are needed to help implement sustainability recommendations, and to identify and respond to additional opportunities for faculty to enhance sustainability at UCSF. To address this need, Tom Newman presented the proposal to create a standing sustainability committee to the Executive Committee on December 5, 2011 and to the Coordinating Committee on June 5, 2012. The concept was unanimously supported at both meetings.

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Proposed Bylaws Additions with Justifications

180. Sustainability Committee

A *Membership*: This committee shall consist of at least 9 members, including at least:

A.1 One representative from each school

A.2 Ex-Officio – The UCSF Sustainability Manager

Justification: *We seek a membership large enough to accomplish the work of the committee, with diversity enhanced by representation from each School. We did not set an upper limit on membership; if a large number of faculty members are interested we may divide into subcommittees as needed to accomplish the work of the committee without an unwieldy number of members. Including the UCSF Sustainability Manager will help ensure that the committee's work complements and proceeds with an awareness of other campus and Medical Center efforts less clearly in the purview of faculty.*

B Duties

B.1 The chair or designate shall represent UCSF faculty in UC Systemwide sustainability issues

Justification: *Faculty on other UC Campuses are active in promoting sustainability efforts and the UC President's signing of the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment³ confirms the UC Systemwide participation in advancing sustainability. Therefore, the creation of a standing sustainability committee at UCSF will facilitate UCSF faculty coordination with other UC campuses as well as with the UC System.*

B.2 Set goals, make and implement recommendations to reduce the environmental impact of UCSF, include sustainability in the curriculum, and increase awareness of the importance of sustainability at UCSF, focusing on activities under the purview of faculty.

B.3 Report annually to the Division on progress of UCSF toward achieving sustainability goals.

B.4 The chair or designate shall represent the Academic Senate on the Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Sustainability

B.5 Select the faculty recipient of the annual Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Sustainability Award.

B.6 To consider and report upon such matters as may be referred to it by the President of the University, the Chancellor, the Division, any Faculty Council, or other committee of the Division.

Justification: *Items B.2 –B.6 all are consistent with the Task Force Report suggesting ongoing faculty involvement in enhancing sustainability at UCSF and publicizing these efforts as part of the effort to change the culture to one in which sustainability is visibly valued.*

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Dear Chair Newman:

Pursuant to Divisional Bylaw 120(B)(5), the Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction (R&J) reviewed the request to create a standing committee on Sustainability within the UCSF Academic Senate submitted October 9, 2012. The Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction approves the creation of such a committee, but has these concerns and recommendations:

1. *“Membership:* This committee shall consist of at least 9 members, including at least:”
 - The Committee recommends that language regarding committee membership not remain open-ended.
2. *“Set goals, make and implement recommendations to reduce the environmental impact of UCSF, include sustainability in the curriculum, and increase awareness of the importance of sustainability at UCSF, focusing on activities under the purview of faculty.”*
 - Where curriculum is concerned, the Committee wants to ensure that the Sustainability Committee's practices regarding curriculum do not overlap the authorities of curriculum.

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