

Background:

Establishment of Sustainability Task Force and Creation of Sustainability Committee

In December 2007, then-Division Chair David Gardner created a Sustainability Task Force to identify faculty-relevant issues and infrastructure operational issues at UCSF that have a significant environmental impact. In January 2009, the Academic Senate submitted to Chancellor Bishop the Task Force’s recommendations for improving environmental sustainability at UCSF.¹ Chancellor Bishop later appointed a Chancellor’s Advisory Committee on Sustainability (CACS). The Sustainability Task Force did not meet after submitting recommendations to Chancellor Bishop. However, members of the Academic Senate felt that continued faculty efforts were needed to help implement sustainability recommendations and to identify and respond to additional opportunities for faculty to enhance sustainability at UCSF. Between 2011 and 2013 members of the faculty advocated for the creation of a standing committee on Sustainability. In 2013, the UCSF Academic Senate established a standing committee on Sustainability.

Sustainability Committee Accomplishments

Academic Year	Primary Focus Points for the Year
2012-2013 (Task Force)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adding sustainability into UCSF curriculum • Development of guidelines for sustainability for Committee on Academic Personnel • Increasing clinical efficiencies and cost efficiencies • Making Task Force into permanent standing committee • Resolution on use of non-therapeutic antibiotics in meat/poultry through UCSF food services
2013-2014 (Committee)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Leadership Council and Carbon Neutrality Initiative • Fossil Fuel Divestment • Sustainable Food • Sustainability in Education
2014-2015 (Committee)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UCSF Green Challenge: Dynamic Digital Energy Dashboard • Carbon Neutrality Initiative:

¹ Sustainability Task Force Recommendations

1. Create a sufficiently-funded central Sustainability Office and website to propose, support, track and publicize sustainability efforts at UCSF.
2. Encourage campus leadership to shift the culture at UCSF toward sustainability, including development of a brief, web-based educational module that covers behaviors to improve sustainability practices at UCSF.
3. Support faculty efforts to improve sustainability in all their individual activities, including an Academic Senate policy encouraging faculty to reduce business travel.
4. Encourage and support innovations to improve sustainability in all buildings and facilities occupied by UCSF personnel, such as UCSF Medical Center, SFGH and leased space.
5. Support the inclusion of sustainability into the curriculum at UCSF

2015-2016 (Committee)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UCSF Green Challenge: Dynamic Digital Energy Dashboard • Carbon Neutrality Initiative: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Curriculum Workshop and Networking Event ○ Faculty Climate Action Champion Program ○ Student Fellowship
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Sustainability Committee Governance Structure and Bylaws

<p>Membership: This committee shall consist of at least 9 members, including at least:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One representative from each school 2. Ex-Officio – The UCSF Sustainability Manager
<p>Duties</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The chair or designate shall represent UCSF faculty in UC Systemwide sustainability issues. 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. 3. Report annually to the Division on progress of UCSF toward achieving sustainability goals. 4. The chair or designate shall represent the Academic Senate on the Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Sustainability. 5. Select the faculty recipient of the annual Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Sustainability Award. 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.

Issues:

1. Committee on Committees found limited interest among members of the faculty in serving on the Sustainability Committee
2. The UCSF Advisory Committee on Sustainability² fulfills many of the duties of the Sustainability Committee
3. The Office of Sustainability provides an annual report on the process of local sustainability efforts

Proposal:

Reorganize the governance structure such that the UCSF Academic Senate has a subcommittee on sustainability as opposed to a standing committee.

² Charge of UACS

1. Examine UCSF's effect on the environment from a comprehensive perspective;
2. Evaluate existing UCSF policies, procedures and/or programs that affect the environment;
3. Serve as a coordinating body for groups of individuals concerned with sustainability issues at UCSF; and
4. Recommend changes that will increase sustainability at UCSF.