

Sustainability Ad-hoc Committee

Seema Gandhi, MD, Chair

ANNUAL REPORT

2018-2019

Primary Focus Points for the Year:

- Fossil Fuel Divestment
- Red Meat Resolution
- UCSF Green Challenge Funds

Issues for Next Year (2019-2020)

- Fossil Fuel Divestment Movement
- UC Carbon Neutrality Initiative
- UCSF Sustainability Goals

2018-2019 Members

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Number of Meetings: 2

Fossil Fuel Divestment

The UCSF Academic Senate Ad-hoc Sustainability Committee drafted the UC Systemwide Memorial urging the Regents to divest the University's endowment portfolio of all investments in the 200 publicly traded fossil fuel companies with the largest carbon reserves. Pursuant to UC Senate Bylaw 90, the Memorial was accompanied by written arguments in favor and in opposition to the Memorial.

For purposes of this Memorial, "the University's endowment portfolio" refers only to funds managed by the Office of the Chief Investment Officer of the University of California.

The Carbon Underground 200 list identifies the largest owners of carbon reserves. Fossil Free Indexes identifies the top 100 coal and the top 100 oil and gas publicly-traded reserve holders worldwide.

The Memorial petitions the Regents to divest UC's endowment portfolio of all investments in companies on the Carbon Underground 200 list. UC currently owns shares in companies on the Carbon Underground 200 list. UC's holdings of securities in oil and gas drilling and refining firms is approximately three percent of UC's public equity holdings. In contrast, oil and gas drilling and refining firms represent six to seven percent of the global economy. The Memorial would have the Regents divest entirely from all companies currently on that list.

The UCSF Senate approved the Memorial, which initiated a systemwide process whereby each division voted. The Memorial met the threshold set by Senate Bylaw 90, which requires approval by at least three divisions representing thirty-five percent of total Senate members in order to move the Memorial to a systemwide ballot of all voting members of the Academic Senate.

The Memorial was subsequently approved by the Academic Senate and sent to Janet Napolitano to deliver to the Regents.

Red Meat Resolution

The UCSF Academic Senate Ad-hoc Sustainability Committee engaged in outreach and communicate with faculty and departments urging against serving red meat at departmental-sponsored functions and University events. A number of departments have committed to going beef- and lamb-free at department events.

- Department of Epidemiology & Biostatistics, UCSF School of Medicine
- Department of Urology, UCSF School of Medicine
- Department of Ophthalmology, UCSF School of Medicine
- Department of Anthropology, History and Social Medicine, UCSF School of Medicine
- Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Sciences, UCSF School of Medicine
- Department of Medicine, Section of Allergy/Immunology within the division of Pulmonary, Critical Care, Allergy and Sleep
- Community Health Systems Dept, UCSF School of Nursing
- Department of Pediatrics, UCSF School of Medicine

UCSF Green Challenge Funds

In 2015 the Academic Senate and Office of Sustainability sponsored a competition open to faculty, students, staff, and trainees to make UCSF a leader in innovation for sustainability in health care, research, and education. The committee reviewed 19 submissions and select one to receive a \$25,000 project budget for its implementation, demonstration, or proof of concept.

The winning project was to track and display energy usage at the building level. Only \$2,000 was expended to administer the plan and the project was partially implemented in the Mission Hall building.

The Committee discussed how to use the \$23,000 balance of funds. The Committee proposed using the funds to host a second sustainability curriculum networking event, support faculty learning and development, and sponsor a faculty-preceptor sustainability project.

Going Forward

Ongoing issues under review or actions that the Committee will continue in 2019-2020:

- Fossil Fuel Divestment Movement
- UC Carbon Neutrality Initiative
- UCSF Sustainability Goals

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