

**ACADEMIC SENATE  
of  
CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY  
San Luis Obispo, CA**

**AS-622-04**

**RESOLUTION ON  
THE CREATION OF A STANDING SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE**

- 1 WHEREAS, The Academic Senate adopted the Resolution in Support of Signing the  
2 Talloires Declaration on May 27,2003; and  
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- 4 WHEREAS, On August 21,2003, the President accepted the Senate recommendation of  
5 signing the Talloires Declaration, and on April 23, 2004 the University  
6 signed the Talloires Declaration; and  
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- 8 WHEREAS, The tenth provision of the Talloires Declaration states the following:  
9 "Maintain the Movement. ..  
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11 Establish a Secretariat and a steering committee to continue this  
12 momentum, and to inform and support each other's efforts in carrying out  
13 this declaration";
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15 and  
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- 17 WHEREAS, The second clause of the Resolution in Support of Signing the Talloires  
18 Declaration urged the President to create a universitywide steering  
19 committee to be charged with implementing the provisions of the Talloires  
20 Declaration; and  
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- 22 WHEREAS, The President rejected this request for a universitywide steering committee  
23 in stating: "Cal Poly already has a number of committees whose scope  
24 encompasses environmental responsibility"; and  
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- 26 WHEREAS, Effective communication and coordination among the various committees  
27 whose scope encompasses environmental responsibility has been a  
28 problem not only for Cal Poly but for many universities across the country;  
29 therefore, be it  
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- 31 RESOLVED: That the Cal Poly Academic Senate create a standing sustainability  
32 committee; and, be it further  
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- 33 RESOLVED: That this standing committee be charged with informing and supporting  
34 the activities of other committees whose scope encompasses  
35 environmental responsibility; and be it further  
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- 37 RESOLVED: That this standing committee be further charged with making  
38 recommendations to the Academic Senate, as appropriate, regarding the  
39 provisions of the Talloires Declaration; and be it further  
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- 41 RESOLVED: That this standing committee shall initially have the following ex officio  
42 members: the Executive Vice Provost for Institutional Planning, the Vice  
43 Provost for Academic Programs and Undergraduate Education, the  
44 Director of Facilities Planning, the Energy and Utilities Manager, one  
45 academic dean, two ASI representatives, as well as the voting members as  
46 called for in the *Bylaws of the Academic Senate*.

Proposed by: Harvey Greenwald, CSM Senator  
Date: September 2, 2004  
Revised: September 21, 2004  
Revised: September 27, 2004

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**PROPOSED LANGUAGE FOR THE BYLAWS OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE**

SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

a. Membership

The ex officio members of the Sustainability Committee shall be the Executive Vice Provost for Institutional Planning, the Vice Provost for Academic Programs and Undergraduate Education, the Director of Facilities Planning, the Energy and Utilities Manager, one academic dean, and two ASI representatives.

b. Responsibilities

The Sustainability Committee shall inform and support the activities of other committees whose scope encompasses environmental responsibility. The Sustainability Committee shall make recommendations to the Academic Senate, as appropriate, regarding the provisions of the Talloires Declaration.

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**Memorandum**

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To: David Hannings  
Chair, Academic Senate

Date: July 12, 2005

From:   
Warren J. Baker  
President

Copies: R. Detweiler, L. Kelley,  
L. Dalton

Subject: Response to Academic Senate Resolution AS-622-04  
Resolution on the Creation of a Standing Sustainability Committee

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I am pleased to offer this belated, but appreciative, acknowledgement of the establishment of the Academic Senate's new Sustainability Committee. I understand that the new Committee functioned quite well this past academic year, and I encourage it to be particularly attentive to how the curricula expectations regarding student learning and applied research might reflect the educational aspirations of the Talloires Declaration.

In addition, rather than appoint a new universitywide committee, as the Resolution suggested, last year I renamed and expanded the membership and charge of the earlier Resource Use Committee as the campus Sustainability Advisory Committee (copy enclosed). This Committee, which is advisory to the Vice President for Administration and Finance, reviews measures dealing with natural resource utilization, land use and physical projects, expanding on its earlier charge to address energy use and recycling on campus. The dean of the College of Architecture and Environmental Design is chairing this reconfigured committee.

Enclosure

## SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (Formerly Resource Use Committee)

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### Functions

The primary function of the Sustainability Advisory Committee is to review and recommend measures related to University sustainability policies and practices dealing with natural resource utilization, land use, and physical projects. The committee is advisory and reports to the vice president of Administration & Finance.

The committee is to consider issues related to environmentally responsible planning, design, and construction, as articulated in the Campus Master Plan. In addition, it will provide advice on the continuing efforts to construct environmentally sustainable projects. In its advisory capacity, the committee needs to consider the goals of sustainable development, which are balancing environmental protection, programmatic needs, and financial viability.

### Membership

The committee appointments are made by the President as indicated below. Terms of the office shall be for two years, except for Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) appointments, which will be for a one-year term. The Facilities Planning Office will staff the committee. The committee is to provide input to the Campus Planning Committee related to special projects.

- One representative appointed by the President or the President's designee
- One faculty member from the College of Agriculture, nominated by the dean of the College of Agriculture
- One faculty member from the College of Architecture and Environmental Design, nominated by the dean of the College of Architecture and Environmental Design
- One faculty member from the College of Engineering, nominated by the dean of the College of Engineering
- One faculty member, nominated by the chair of the Academic Senate
- Two students, nominated by the president of the ASI
- One representative of the Cal Poly Foundation, nominated by the Foundation executive director
- One representative (staff member) of Associated Students, Inc., nominated by the vice president for Student Affairs
- The director of Facilities Planning and Capital Projects, or designee
- The director of Facility Services, or designee

The director of Facility Services will convene the first meeting of the fall quarter, at which time the committee will elect its own chair.

### Meetings

The committee will meet at least quarterly during the academic year. Other meetings will be on call by the chair.

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