ACADEMIC SENATE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE DESCRIPTION AND PROCEDURES

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Academic Senate Sustainability Committee (ASSC) 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 (AS-622.04) and the CSU Sustainability Policy.

President Baker's Charge:

"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." (Response to AS-622.04)

Governance Principles

The ASSC committee is a primary campus group that focuses on helping California Polytechnic State University meet the sustainability goals outlined in our mission and learning objectives. Committee members are passionate about the work we do to support the Talloires Declaration ten action points. Because our charge is to make recommendations that may affect the entire campus, these recommendations are the result of a consensus-based, transparent, and inclusive decision-making process.

Committee membership

Shall include voting General Faculty representative from each college and Professional Consultative Services. The Academic Senate Chair is an ex officio, nonvoting member. Ex officio members shall be the Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs or designee, the Vice President for Administration and Finance or designee, the Associate Vice Provost for Programs and Planning or designee, the Director of Facilities Planning or designee, the Associate Director of Sustainable Facilities Energy, Utilities, and Sustainability or designee, and two ASI representatives.

General Procedures

Annually

- ASSC members discuss possible charges for upcoming year
- ASSC Chair meets with Chair of Academic Senate to reach agreement on charges
- ASSC members agree to this list of charges and assume ownership for various charges

Quarterly

ASSC Chair completes quarterly report

Every two weeks during academic year

· Committee meets to report on progress made on charges and discuss new items.

As needed

- Committee and subcommittee members meet with other Cal Poly representatives to collaborate on various charges
- Committee members support sustainability-related campus events (For example, committee was very involved with the planning and execution of Focus the Nation, 2008)