

To: Cal Poly Academic Senate
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Chair, Academic Senate Sustainability Committee
Re: Spring Quarter 2011 Progress Report
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The committee was able to convene for some regular general meetings but still had issues finding a single day and time that would allow everyone to attend. This issue was ameliorated by varying time and day of meetings as well as by circulating critical documents via email for review and comment. The minutes of all the committee's meetings for the spring quarter are attached.

During the spring quarter, the committee focused on finalizing and bringing to the Academic Senate the resolution dealing with the Green Campus program. The resolution was submitted to the Executive Committee and after comments and revisions was brought before the full academic senate for two readings and was passed by the senate. A copy of the resolution is attached as it was ultimately forwarded to the office of the Academic Senate.

The committee was also able to draft and submit to the chair of the Academic Senate the committee procedures. A copy of the submitted procedures is attached.

Other issues addressed by the committee included the SUSCAT resolution. After discussions with the chair of the Academic Senate and at her suggestion, the committee decided to table the issue until work had been completed on the GE Task Force. [Note: In discussions by the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate surrounding the GE Task Force, a suggestion was made that the Sustainability Committee play a central role in discussing the potential for creating a sustainability requirement.] The minutes of the committee also capture other items that the committee worked on.

Key Tasks Identified

1. Determination of SUSCAT Criteria
2. Design of Carbon/Ecological Footprint Resolution
3. Write-up of Committee Procedures

Progress on Key Tasks During Spring Quarter 2011

1. The SUSCAT Resolution was tabled by the committee (see notes above).
2. The Carbon Footprint Resolution evolved into the Green Campus Program resolution which was passed by the Academic Senate (see notes above).
3. The Committee Procedures were written up and submitted to the Academic Senate (see notes above).