

Academic Senate Sustainability Committee Annual Report for 2017-2018

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This memo serves as an annual report from the Academic Senate Sustainability Committee regarding activities performed during the 2017-2018 academic school year.

The Senate Sustainability Committee had an active year and a summary of the top outcomes and initiatives are described below.

Outcomes of Academic Senate Sustainability Committee efforts in 2017-2018

1. The Academic Senate Sustainability Committee produced and presented Senate Resolution 17/18-001 which passed with a unanimous vote at the April 18, 2018 Senate meeting. The Resolution calls for President Nikias to make USC a leader in sustainability.
2. Building upon work from the 2016-2017 academic school year, the Academic Senate Sustainability Committee presented the USC Sustainability Strategy 2030 and received a vote of endorsement from the Staff Assembly and Graduate Student Government. Between the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 academic school years, the Sustainability Strategy 2030 has now been endorsed by the Academic Senate, Staff Assembly, Graduate Student Government, and the Undergraduate Student Government.
3. The Academic Senate Sustainability Committee worked with the Office of Sustainability, the Environmental Student Assembly, and the Wrigley Institute for Environmental Studies to organize and deliver the 2018 USC Sustainability Forum. This event served as an important opportunity to engage the broader USC community (students, faculty, and staff) in a dialogue on the current state of sustainability at USC and included a poster session on sustainability research initiatives as well as presentations on current and upcoming sustainability efforts at USC.
4. The Academic Senate Sustainability Committee engaged in relationship building efforts with key constituencies across campus to help understand and advance sustainability at USC, which includes: the Office of Sustainability, the Environmental Student Assembly, Ecore, Undergraduate Student Government (USG), Graduate Student Government (GSG), Staff Assembly (SA), and the Provost's Task Force on Security and Sustainability.

5. The Academic Senate Sustainability Committee presented a set of recommendations to the Academic Senate on May 9, 2018 regarding next steps and future directions for committee priorities and efforts.
6. The Academic Senate Sustainability Committee served as a sounding board for Prof. Antonio Bento's efforts to develop a campus-wide sustainability research and teaching initiative (currently called the Center for Sustainability Solutions).

The Academic Senate Sustainability Committee welcomes input and participation to help advance and resolve issues of sustainability and/or environmental conservation confronting the University. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Prof. Darren Ruddell at druddell@usc.edu

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darren Ruddell". The signature is cursive and somewhat stylized, with the first name "Darren" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Ruddell".

Darren Ruddell
Co-Chair, Academic Senate Sustainability Committee