



**Graduate Council**

December 15, 2017

To: Dylan Rodriguez, Chair  
Riverside Division

From: Christiane Weirauch, Chair  
Graduate Council

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christiane Weirauch".

Re: (Campus Review): Report Review Sustainability Ad Hoc

The Graduate Council reviewed the Sustainability Ad Hoc report at their December 14, 2017 meeting. The Council agreed that the campus needs to further enhance sustainability efforts. It was indicated that graduate students no longer have a sustainability liaison, and that it has become more difficult during the past year for graduate students to work with the Sustainability Office. The Council believes that the campus needs to encourage student driven sustainability initiatives and good working relationships with the Sustainability Office are therefore critical. The Council would also welcome additional sustainability initiatives, e.g. installing more tables with solar panels across campus and expanding water-wise landscapes. Given this timely and critical need to improve and expand on sustainability efforts on campus, the Council felt strongly that this office should not be folded into the office of the Associate Vice Chancellor for Capital Asset Strategies, but should be returned to being an independent office. This step would bring the office a higher profile on campus and outside, and better align with the important initiatives coordinated in this office.