




PLANNING & BUDGET

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To: Dylan Rodriguez, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Christian Shelton, Chair 
Committee on Planning and Budget

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

P&B discussed the ad-hoc committee's sustainability report and supports the academic goals that are to be achieved. P&B also strongly supports a standing Academic Senate committee on Sustainability.

However, the committee does not see the need for a Vice Provost of Sustainability. It seems to be a reaction to previous administrative changes that were unwelcome by faculty. Yet, it increases administrative roles, does not necessarily provide an advocate for the senate's views, and does not reduce the possibility for future unwanted administrative changes.

P&B would suggest that the potential new Senate committee create strong ties to administrators relevant to sustainability in Facilities and in Planning and Budget, either through official or unofficial mechanisms. A single Senate committee with views of administrative, curricular, and faculty efforts on sustainability would provide an excellent conduit for the exchange of ideas and plans and would help mitigate future problems.