



January 31, 2018

TO: Dylan Rodriguez, Chair  
Riverside Division

FR: Thomas Stahovich, Chair  
Executive Committee, Bourns College of Engineering

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas F. Stahovich".

RE: Report from the Ad Hoc Committee on Sustainability

On December 12, 2017, the BCOE Executive Committee reviewed the October 23, 2017 Report from the Ad Hoc Committee on Sustainability. We are appreciative of the efforts of the Sustainability Ad Hoc Committee.

The BCOE Executive Committee is supportive of the sustainability efforts on campus, and specifically of the Office of Sustainability. We encourage the new Vice Chancellor of Planning and Budget to reinstate the Office of Sustainability, to engage faculty in the Office's oversight, and to seriously consider the recommendations of this report. We support the three-tiered structure proposed in the report. Furthermore, we believe that the Role of Academics outlined in Sec. 4.1 is important because integrating sustainability within the curriculum and research is essential to comprehensive sustainability efforts on campus. Finally, while the committee is supportive of creating a standing Senate committee on sustainability, the committee is reluctant to recommend an additional Vice Provost position. We believe that the Provost's Office is best suited to determine how that Office should engage the academic efforts related to sustainability.