

**UCLA SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
GUIDING CAMPUS PRINCIPLES OF SUSTAINABILITY**

The Sustainability Committee (Committee) works under the guidance of the Office of the Chancellor:

To create, a culture of sustainability at UCLA in which the entire community is aware of, engaged in, and committed to advancing sustainability through education, research, operations, and community partnerships.

The Committee supports sustainability at UCLA by:

A. Fostering cross-cutting collaborations for the purpose of increasing awareness of sustainability concepts throughout the campus community and creating synergies that will educate and engage students, faculty and staff in these efforts.

B. Infusing sustainability into core academic and educational programs to ensure that our students are prepared to face the global challenges of the 21st century; promoting the application of the University's unique resources to complex environmental, economic and social issues by: incorporating sustainability concepts into the academic curriculum, advancing interdisciplinary research, and engaging in community service activities that promote sustainability.

C. Integrating sustainable practices into campus operations and long-term planning by minimizing resource consumption and waste generation; establishing innovative procurement practices; utilizing indicators of sustainability that enable assessment of performance; and recognizing, supporting, and rewarding initiatives that promote sustainability.

**University of California, Los Angeles
Sustainability Charter**

Article I – Purpose

SECTION 1: PURPOSE

The purpose of the Sustainability Committee (Committee) is to promote sustainability in planning, development and operation of the campus environment and facilities as well as in the development of sustainability initiatives in education, research and community service activities.

SECTION 2: DEFINITION OF SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainability is the integration of environmental health, social equity and economic vitality in order to create thriving, healthy, diverse and resilient communities for this generation and generations to come. The practice of sustainability recognizes how these issues are interconnected and requires a systems approach and an acknowledgement of complexity.

Article II – Goals and Responsibilities

The Committee is charged with advising the Executive Vice Chancellor on matters pertaining to the campus environment and sustainability as it directly relates to the University of California, Los Angeles.

The mission of the Committee shall be composed of three central goals:

- To establish UCLA as a leader in sustainability and integrate research, education and operations into a living laboratory that demonstrates innovative solutions and practices for the region and the world;
- To engage the campus in an ongoing dialogue about sustainability and communicate across diverse stakeholder groups;
- To instill a culture of sustainable long-range planning and forward-thinking design throughout the university.

The Committee shall choose projects related to these goals and will coordinate with administration, staff, faculty, and students across the university to ensure that UCLA meets the targets and deadlines outlined in the UC Sustainable Practices Policy and external commitments such as the Climate Leadership Commitment through Second Nature.

Article III – Membership

SECTION 1: STRUCTURE

The Committee shall consist of an Executive Committee, a broader Sustainability Committee and area Working Groups.

SECTION 2: COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

The **Sustainability Executive Committee** shall consist of:

- AVC Environment and Sustainability (chair)
- Administrative VC
- CFO and VC Finance
- VC Student Affairs
- VC External Affairs
- AVP Healthy Campus Initiative
- Chief Sustainability Officer
- CEO of the Health System
- Chair of the Academic Senate
- Senior Dean of the Professional Schools
- Senior Dean of the College
- Faculty member at-large with climate change and/or sustainability expertise

The **Sustainability Committee** shall include representatives from the following areas, with additional members added as appropriate:

- Undergraduate Students Association
- Graduate Students Association
- Academic Senate
- Staff Assembly
- University Communications
- Capital Programs
- Facilities Management
- Events & Transportation
- Housing & Hospitality
- ASUCLA
- Student Affairs
- Environment Health and Safety
- Campus Purchasing
- Health System
- Sustainable LA Grand Challenge

The **Sustainability Working Groups** shall be formed to address key policy areas and may evolve as needed. The purpose is to develop operational and engagement plans and implementation strategies for review by the Executive Committee. Examples include:

- Climate Change, Energy, and Water
- Zero Waste
- Transportation and Built Environment
- Food Systems
- Academics

Committee membership and Working group membership changes are at the discretion of the chairperson(s). Changes to the membership of the Executive Committee are approved by the Executive Vice Chancellor.

Article IV – Meetings

SECTION 1: COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Executive Committee shall meet at least once per quarter in fall, winter and spring. The Committee and Working Groups meet as needed at the discretion of the chairperson(s).

APPROVED:



Chancellor Gene Block

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Date