

Appendix B: Proposed Mission and Membership of the Committee on Sustainability

Mission:

The Committee on Sustainability will serve as the University's coordinating and representative body regarding all aspects of sustainability. It will report jointly to the Faculty Senate and to the President of the University or his designee. The committee will be active in all areas of campus sustainability, including Research, Education, Campus Operations, Community Outreach and Integration, Campus Community, and Organizational Policies and Practices.

Its specific responsibilities are to:

- Promote sustainability practices within the University as a whole and in its relations with the larger community, the state, the nation and global partners.
- Assess the progress of the University of Florida's sustainability efforts as compared to national and international best practices and pursue their implementation when appropriate. This task includes but goes beyond the recommendations outlined in the July 2002 University of Florida Sustainability Task Force Report.
- Promote the University's sustainability efforts on campus, in the larger community and in national and international arenas to enhance the University standing as a global leader in sustainability
- Jointly develop policy with the Office of Sustainability and participate in the annual evaluations of the Office, its Director and Chief Academic Officer.

Membership:

The Committee on Sustainability will be a Joint Standing Committee. Eight voting members will be appointed by the Faculty Senate; seven voting members will be appointed by the President or his designee; and two student members will be appointed by the Student Body President. To the extent possible, its membership will gain representation from a broad spectrum of faculty representing multiple colleges and administrative staff from among the following units: the Office of the Vice President for Finance & Administration, Office of the Provost, Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, Office of the Vice President for Public Relations, Facilities Planning & Construction Division, Physical Plant Division, Shands HealthCare, University Athletic Association, University of Florida Foundation. The Director and the Chief Academic Officer of the Office of Sustainability will serve as ex officio members.

Staff:

Staff assistance will be provided by the Office of Sustainability.

Procedure:

The committee will elect its own chair each year.

Reporting:

The Committee will provide an annual report outlining the University's sustainability objectives to the Faculty Senate and to the President or his designee. Minutes of all meetings will be made available to both parties.