



MEMORANDUM

Date: March 24, 2008

To: Distribution List

From: President Gordon

Re: Sustainability Initiative Study Group

Sustainability has gained momentum in our society and is now widely recognized as an issue that is both urgent and challenging. Cal State Fullerton has done its part in a variety of ways to help make our campus more sustainable; however we can and should do more.

In addition to the broader societal issues facing the CSU, the February 2008 draft of the "Access to Excellence" document indicates that public institutions in particular are expected to be models of an integrated approach to implementing sustainability principles in building practices, in energy use, in transportation and water policies, in recycling, and in food services, and that these institutions need to develop integrated sustainability policies and articulate environmentalism into its teaching, research, and service missions.

Given the importance of this issue the University has decided to form a Sustainability Initiative Study Group and I am inviting you to participate to help develop recommendations as to how Cal State Fullerton should approach the sustainability issue through:

- a. the establishment of environmentally sustainable operational practices throughout the campus, and
- b. the development of the University as a leader in the community on issues pertaining to global warming.

Since sustainability related issues affect the whole campus the study group has a broad representation of campus constituents. The purpose of the group is to:

1. Develop and recommend sustainability related goals and objectives for the CSUF.
2. Recommend a structure by which to manage sustainability issues at Cal State Fullerton.
3. Recommend parameters by which we will measure our success.

I would like to receive your recommendations in six months.

I hope that you will agree to participate in this very important endeavor.

Thank you.

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