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Title of Proposal Sustainability Initiative
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Brief abstract of the proposal:

With the recent issue of the report of scientists concluding that global warming is 90% related to human activity it's time to look at our campus activities and develop a plan to help solve this enormous problem we're facing. This proposal suggests that we put a campuswide studygroup together to investigate the changes and new demands awaiting us and how we can best respond.

Proposal Description:

The proposal is for the formation of a Sustainability Initiative study group with broad representation. The sustainability issues affect virtually all campus areas and the study group should reflect that. Because initially the operational issues will dominate the agenda it is important that the operational areas are well represented but ultimately every Division has a stake in this and should be represented. The purpose of the group will be: a. develop a mission and goals statement b. to investigate and present recommendations regarding developing a sustainable campus. The recommendations would become the platform for further campus discussions as necessary. Many recommendations may have an impact on budgets and other recommendations may suggest changes in procedures or schedules impacting a significant part of the University community. c. propose a structure by which to manage sustainability issues on our campus. In general it is clear from experiences on other campuses that support from the

highest levels in the organization is a prerequisite for success but that the actual structure can take many forms. d. Propose the parameters by which we will measure our success. My initial suggestion for membership of the studygroup: Environmental Health & Safety Contracts & Procurement Parking & Transportation Auxiliary Services Physical Plant Design & Construction Academic Affairs Academic Senate Information Technology Student Affairs Associated Students Titan Student Union University Advancement Public Affairs Human Resources I have probably left out some very important area and I didn't include union representation although I ultimately think that buy-in from the unions will be vital. The group should be given resources in the form of students and consultants as deemed necessary and present its report within a six months period. The sustainability issue is one of those subjects that can be simply overwhelming when considering everything involved. We can only conquer this mountain one step at the time and this studygroup would be our first and significant step. Thanks

Describe the extent to which your proposal is a strategy for advancing or accomplishing a specific university goal:

The University is an integral part of society and as a public institution we need to be a leader and exemplify behaviour that will lead to a sustainable lifestyle so that future generations have a fair chance to enjoy our planet as much as we do. This issue affects every individual on campus and many of our policies and processes, it is therefore incumbent on us to thoroughly review our business with the sustainability issue as the touchstone.

Has funding been received for this or a closely initiative in the past 3 years?

No

(If yes, describe how this request differs from the one previously funded)

Total 2007/2008 expenses:

\$35,000.00

Description	Operational Expenses	Equipment	Student	Stipends, Consulting Costs, Honoraria	Faculty Releases	Staff Salaries
Studygroup Support	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Proposed expenses beyond first year:

Amount beyond first year is \$0 and is requested for 0 years; On a permanent basis? No

Describe any other potential funding source, other than General Funds, being sought that would be available to support this proposal:

(e.g., grants, external agencies, other departments, internal allocations, and fees)
None

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After many years of debate on the impact of human behavior on the environment this last year we've seen a major breakthrough and the link between our lifestyles and its impact on disrupting the balance of earth's ecology is now generally accepted as a fact. The importance of accepting this correlation is that it puts the responsibility for dealing with this issue clearly on the shoulders of all nations across the globe. The fact that the United States is by far the biggest contributor to the problem puts a greater weight on our shoulders to become part of the solution. Universities are in a unique position to provide leadership not only from the perspective of developing science projects and educational programs, but also by being a role model through the implementation of sustainable processes and developing partnerships with a variety of community based entities.

The intention of the proposal is to create a broad forum that will have the task of developing a recommendation for the President as to how Cal State Fullerton should approach the issue through a. the establishment of environmentally sustainable operational practices throughout the campus, and b. the development of role of the University as the leader in the community on issues pertaining to global warming. This issue is very big and we need to give it a shape so that we can be effective and move forward. There needs to be organizational clarity about our roles and responsibilities and the direction we're heading. This study group will not discuss solving the problems but instead look at how Cal State Fullerton should position itself. Do we want to be a leader and aggressively pursue solutions for multiple issues or are we going to sit back and wait for laws to be passed that will mandate our actions? I know from talking with many of my colleagues including faculty that there is a great interest on our campus for this issue. People seem eager to get involved, many realize that we're all in this together and too much time has been wasted already. At the Complexities of Growth Forum the issue of sustainability was brought up as well as one of the issues to take under consideration when discussing growth. The President himself spoke last month at a student gathering about this issue and he said that we've done a lot but much more needs to be done.

The proposal suggests hiring a consultant. We have many people on our campus with expertise in areas affected by this issue: faculty, staff, students and administrators all have a role to play and their knowledge will be one of the most important resources. From my perspective the role of the consultant will be to facilitate the discussion, coordinate the collection of pertinent data, and to write a report including the recommendations to President Gordon in about six months. In my experience of dealing with consultants, \$25,000 is a good number to work with and if there are overruns I can use the Physical Plant budget to cover it. (This issue is from operational perspectives very important to Plant, just from a utilities perspective alone the impact will be substantial. As per Executive Order 987 the President is required to implement Energy Conservation and Sustainable Building practices.) Awarding the funds will show the University Community that we are seriously interested in helping to take on this responsibility.