

**President's Response**  
**Campus Issue 21-22-04**

**Committee or Individual:** Campus Development Standing Committee (A. Gaytan)

**Date submitted:** 10/18/2021

**Issue/Concern:** New Standing Committee - Sustainability

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**Summary of Issue:**

As global warming continues to create dangerous situations for our world, the state of California has become a leader in creating laws and policies meant to address issues of environmental impact. There have been several legislated decisions in California along with our own district policies that highlight the importance of sustainability goals for the foreseeable future. Non-compliance with these laws will incur fines that the college is responsible for paying.

Although Sac City had a temp classified hire working on issues of sustainability in 2019 and early 2020, the campus closure in March 2020 caused us to lose this position. We have not had any designated personnel dedicated to implementation of our 'green' policies since then. The need for a cross-constituency standing committee and a full-time, lead Sustainability Coordinator are seriously needed in order to enact plans, assist with outreach efforts across our three campus locations and ensure that our campus does not continue to incur fines for improper waste disposal.

Recommendation 1: Hire a full time Sustainability Coordinator to oversee the implementation of sustainability goals, minimize fines being incurred, and serve as a liaison between the Standing Committee and Campus Operations. Recommendation 2: Establish a Sustainability Standing Committee.

**Action Taken:**

- 11/07/2021: The campus issue was presented to the Executive Council.
- 12/02/2021: The Executive Council reviewed open campus issues.
- 02/03/2022: Council requested clarification on issuer's first recommendation e.g. classified professional or faculty Sustainability Coordinator.
- 02/09/2022: M. Kekahu communicated with Dean Andrea Gaytan via email. Dean Gaytan stated that the full-time coordinator would be a classified professional and assigned to Operations.
- 04/07/2022: M. Kekahu updated Executive Council that coordinator would be a classified professional. Executive Council supports the coordinator position. However, Interim Vice President of Administration attended Executive Council and stated that FTE is not available for a new position, but it may be revisited in the future. Executive Council recommends the following: (1) that the Sustainability Coordinator for a classified professional be placed on a list for consideration in the

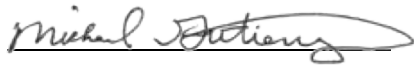
future and be made a priority for the college when, and if, classified FTE is made available and (2) supports standing committee formation. Campus Issue is closed.

**President's Response to Executive Council:**

I have heard the discussion on Campus Issue 21-22-04.

To follow-up on this campus issue the following actions are directed in accordance with the Executive Council's recommendations: (1) Sustainability Coordinator for a classified professional will be made a priority for the college when, and if, classified FTE is made available and (2) a Sustainability Standing Committee may be formed. This campus issue is resolved.

Campus Issue 21-22-04 is closed.



Michael Gutierrez, President

04/07/2022

Date