

**SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY  
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**S10-5, Policy Recommendation, Creation of a University  
Sustainability Board**

**Legislative History:**

At its meeting of May 3, 2010, the Academic Senate approved the following policy recommendation presented by Senator Heiden for the Organization and Government Committee.

On September 11, 2019, President Papazian approved and signed University Policy S19-2. S19-2 is Amendment A to University Policy S10-5. Amendment A updated the center of the policy to be on M

**University Policy**

University-wide structure currently exists for integrating sustainability into curriculum, research, facilities development and operations, procurement, and relations with the external community. While individual units address sustainability, overall management of sustainability on campus is not organized or well publicized at the University level.

### **University Sustainability Board**

#### **Charge**

Working in conjunction with the University Director of Sustainability, the Board functions as a university committee of the Academic Senate and advises and makes recommendations to the Academic Senate and the President in the following areas: setting and measuring progress towards meeting University-wide goals to promote sustainability across academic and non-academic divisions; and benchmarking SJSU sustainability efforts relative to state and national leaders in university sustainability. The Board serves as an advisory resource to academic departments on

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Staff: One member of the staff appointed by the President in consultation with the Executive Committee. Staff members will serve for three year terms.

The Chair of the Board will be elected by the membership at the last meeting of each spring semester and will serve a one-year term.

Vacancies in appointive seats shall be filled for the balance of the term in the manner prescribed for the original appointments. If any member is absent from three regularly scheduled committee meetings, or repeatedly does not perform assigned committee duties, the committee chair may request a replacement from the Chair of the Committee on Committees.

Solicitation of applications to serve on the Sustainability Board will be made through the normal Committee on Committees process for the seats designated for faculty members. Faculty interested in serving on this committee will submit a brief letter of interest that includes information regarding their background, experience and engagement with sustainability issues. When multiple applications are submitted for a seat, the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate will select individuals to serve. In considering applicants, attention should focus on the person's expertise, background, and interest in areas related to sustainability, and the need for broad representation.

Where Board recommendations to the President involve matters of serious concern to the campus community, the President will normally consult with appropriate Academic Senate committees before implementation.