

HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY

HSU Advisory Committee on Sustainability

Charge of the Committee

Purpose and Responsibilities: The HSU Advisory Committee on Sustainability (HACS) was established in 2017 as a reflection of the campus' commitment to sustainability as a strategic priority. HACS is responsible for advising the Office of the President, the President's Cabinet and other President Advisory Groups on specific, recommended actions the campus can take to further the integration of sustainability into the core focus areas of campus operations, academics, infrastructure and engagement. Furthermore, the Committee fosters dialogue, supports the advancement of goals identified in sustainability-related plans and assessments, assists with metrics tracking and provides a venue for campus organizations, units and programs to work collaboratively to promote sustainability throughout campus.

Charge:

- Advise and support the Office of Sustainability;
- Review and make recommendations on plans, policies, programs and procedures that integrate sustainability into all facets of the university, including but not limited to:
 - AASHE STARS
 - Second Nature Climate Commitment
 - HSU Climate Action Plan 2.0
 - 2021-2026 Strategic Plan
 - CSU Sustainability Policy;
- Monitor campus performance on key sustainability metrics;
- Review campus practices that may prohibit or hinder progress on achieving sustainability goals, and provide recommendations for improvements;
- Enhance the sustainability literacy of students, faculty and staff;
- Disseminate information about campus sustainability efforts throughout the campus and community, and
- Be appointed to, and actively participate in, university committees, task forces, student groups and programs to represent the interests of sustainability on campus.

Specific Tasks:

- Support campus efforts to improve HSU's AASHE STARS rating. **2021-22**
- Oversee roll-out of Climate Action Plan and Resilience Plan strategies. **2021-22**
- Work with Academic Affairs and the Center for Teaching and Learning to provide support for faculty seeking to integrate sustainability into their teaching. **2021-22**
- Collaborate with students and dining services to implement sustainable dining practices. **2021-22**
- Build, update and publicize Sustainability Dashboard. **Ongoing**
- Annual report and study session with members of the President's Administrative Team. **Ongoing**

Membership: The HACS will utilize a transparent and inclusive decision-making process to make its recommendations. Because its scope encompasses all facets of the campus, the committee includes representatives from faculty, staff and students, as well as leaders of key campus programs. The committee also extends membership to a community member with subject matter expertise.

Role	Representation	Appointed By:	Term
Faculty Co-Chair	Faculty	Provost	One year, with option to extend another year
Staff Co-Chair	Office of Sustainability	Director of Sustainability or Designee	Standing appointment
Faculty	CPS	Provost	Two year term, up to three consecutive terms
Faculty	CAHSS	Provost	
Faculty	CNRS	Provost	
Faculty	At Large	University Senate	
Staff	Housing	Director of Housing	Two year term, with continuation possible upon request
Staff	Dining	Dining Services Director	
Staff	Athletics	Director of Athletics	
Staff	Budget Office	Budget Director	
Staff	Academic Affairs	Director of Academic Resources	
Staff	At Large	Staff Council	
Staff	Facilities Management	AVP of Facilities	
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Student	A.S. Environmental Sustainability Officer	Associated Students	Open
Student	Campus Center for Appropriate Technology	CCAT Co-Director or Designee	
Student	Green Campus	Green Campus	
Student	Waste Reduction Resource Awareness Program	WRRAP	
Student(s)	At Large	HACS; additional student representation sought from other campus groups such as ITEPP, INRSEP, AACAE, SJEIC, etc.	
Community Member	At Large	HACS	2 years

Meetings: The full committee will hold its regular meetings a minimum of once a month during the academic year. In addition, committee members will meet in one or more working groups outside of regular committee meetings. As needed, members represent the HACS on other university committees, task forces, student groups and programs.

Working Groups: Members will participate in focused working groups outside of regular committee meetings. During its regular meetings, the full committee will review the recommendations of the working groups. Non-committee members may be asked to participate in working groups as appropriate subject-matter experts. Standing Working Groups (as of 2020-21) are:

- Policy Working Group
- Academics & Research Working Group
- Food Working Group

Additionally, the HACS may form *Adhoc* Working Groups to address specific issues that fall outside of standing working group focus areas.