

On **April 10, 2007**, The SDSU Senate unanimously approved the following resolution:

Sustainability at San Diego State University

Whereas, in 1987 the United Nations World Commission on Environment and Development introduced the term *sustainability*—now commonly used as in the present context—when it declared that “Sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.”¹ And,

Whereas, San Diego State University embraces principles of sustainable development that promote:

- A vital and sustainable economy based on the “triple bottom line” (attention to environmental, social, and financial performance).
- Commitment to social justice that includes the rights of future generations.
- Respect and care for the greater community of life in all its diversity, including protection and restoration of the earth's ecosystems. And,

Whereas, the Talloires Declaration² and American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment³ can serve as guiding documents to San Diego State University in these efforts. And,

Whereas, San Diego State University aspires to be a national and international model for sustainable practices in all dimensions of its operations (teaching, research, business and finance). And,

Whereas, San Diego State University has an obligation to help prepare citizens for participation in a democratic society. And,

Whereas, San Diego State University has an obligation to help students become environmentally literate citizens who understand the principles of sustainability. And,

Whereas, the State of California has adopted Executive Order S-20-04⁴, which recognizes that state institutions such as the California State University are major consumers of energy and natural resources, and asks these institutions to reduce the use of non-renewable resources as well as increase energy efficiency. And,

Whereas, the State of California has adopted Executive Order S-3-05⁵, which recognizes that California is vulnerable to the impacts of climate change and that we must take action to reduce the use of fossil fuels and reduce our carbon footprint. And,

Whereas, the California State University has an obligation to the citizens of the state of California to be wise stewards of scarce resources and to assure the continued economic and ecological viability of the state. Be it therefore

Resolved that the San Diego State University Senate support actions to make climate neutrality and sustainability a part of the curriculum (including campus facilities and grounds as learning laboratories) and other educational experience for all students. And be it further

¹ http://portal.unesco.org/education/en/ev.php-URL_ID=23543&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html

² http://www.ulsf.org/programs_talloires.html

³ <http://www.presidentsclimatecommitment.org/>

⁴ <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/energy/ExecOrderS-20-04.htm>

⁵ <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/energy/ExecOrderS-3-05.htm>

Resolved that the San Diego State University Senate support the expansion of research or other efforts necessary to achieve climate neutrality and sustainability, **including sustainability practices on the SDSU campus**. And be it further

Resolved that the San Diego State University Senate establish a Committee on Sustainability as described in the Addendum. And be it further

Resolved that the San Diego State University Senate call upon the California State University to make sustainability a major focus in its new strategic plan. And be it further

Resolved that the San Diego State University Senate transmit this resolution to President Stephen L. Weber, Chancellor Charles B. Reed, and to the Board of Trustees of the California State University.

ADDENDUM

Sustainability, Committee on

- 1.0 Sustainability refers to practices designed to meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs . It encompasses teaching, research, and practice in a variety of areas including but not limited to policy development, building design and construction, waste management and recycling, energy production and use, water use, and transportation.
- 2.0 Membership (15): five faculty, with no more than two from any one college; one staff member; Vice President for Student Affairs or designee; Dean of Undergraduate Studies or designee; Director of Facilities Planning, Design & Construction or designee; Associate Vice President for Enterprise Operations or designee; SDSU Research Foundation Director of Facilities or designee; General Manager, KPBS or designee; CEO of Aztec Shops or designee; two students.
- 3.0 Functions. The Committee shall
 - 3.1 study sustainability issues related to the campus and make recommendations to improve sustainable practices.
 - 3.2 receive copies of Executive Orders or other instructions to the campus dealing with sustainability and report on them to the Senate
 - 3.3 serve as a resource to faculty wishing to undertake research or propose curriculum in sustainability.
 - 3.4 coordinate with the Committee on Environment and Safety and the Campus Development Committee to ensure that sustainability is taken into consideration in the deliberations of those bodies.