

## 6.5 Sustainability (Honea)

### **Action:**

Pass a resolution recommending to President Hirshman that San Diego State University become an American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC) signatory.

### **Rationale:**

The American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC) is a visible institutional commitment to create a planning process and eliminate net greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from campus operations, to promote research, curricular, and co-curricular efforts to prepare our students and communities to address climate change and to build a more sustainable world. As of January 2013 more than 660 institutions in North America including CSU Bakersfield, CSU Chico, CSU Fullerton, CSU Long Beach, CSU Monterey Bay, and CSU Pomona; and the University of California system have signed the ACUPCC.

### **Introduction:**

In 2011 President Hirshman charged the Senate Sustainability Committee (SSC) with developing a recommendation on whether to sign the ACUPCC. In addition, San Diego Associated Students has signed the ACUPCC and requested the SSC bring a forward a resolution to Senate that endorses the University sign the ACUPCC. To inform our recommendation the SSC has reviewed the impact of signing the ACUPCC at other institutions, the structure of the commitment these institutions developed, and identified best practices in climate action plan development. Based on two years of research to develop the recommendations offered to the President, and at the request of the Senate Executive Committee the SSC presents this resolution regarding signing the ACUPCC.

**Be it resolved** that the Senate Recommend that President Eliot Hirshman sign the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment and in so doing San Diego State University will **become a signatory to** the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment.