Policy Recommendation
Amendment A to University Policy S10-5;
Charge and Membership of Sustainability Board

Legislative History: The charge and membership information for the Sustainability
Board is contained in S10-5. This proposal seeks to update the charge and
member of this board.

Whereas: A comprehensive review of the charge and membership of
university committees with input from policy committees, operating
committees, special agencies, and other university committees has
been conducted, and

Whereas: Additional consultation was deemed needed, and has been done,
for the Sustainability Board, therefore be it

Resolved: S10-5 be amended as noted in this proposal.

Rationale: Throughout the review process, O&G sought to balance broad representation
with the practicality of a reasonable size to committees. In the process of examining the
present composition and proposed additions from the Sustainability Board, O&G’s
perspective on the need, in particular for representatives from the vice presidents,
differed from that of the Sustainability Board. Careful consideration was given to input
from the Senate, Vice Presidents, the Dean’s representative to the Sustainability Board,
the Senate’s Executive Committee, and the Sustainability Board.

Approved: 5/7/19
Vote: 10-0-1
Present: Capizzi, Curry, French, Gallo, Higgins, Grosvenor, McClory, Ormsbee, Rodan, Saldamli, Shifflett
Absent: Millora

Financial Impact: None
Workload Impact: None
Recommendation

Charge

Working in conjunction with the University Director of Sustainability, the Board functions as a Special Agency 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 sustainability-related curriculum. The Board also works with appropriate units in the university as a resource for centralizing and effectively communicating information to the campus on SJSU’s sustainability efforts, both internally and externally; integrating sustainability into key planning documents and procedures; and educating and engaging with campus stakeholders and external partners on sustainability through research, projects, workshops, and other events.

Membership

Director, Sustainability [EXO]
Provost’s or designee [EXO]
VP for Advancement’s or designee [EXO]
VP for Student Affairs’s or designee [EXO] Ex Dir Student Union
AVP of FDO or designee [EXO]
Executive Director Spartan Shops Eats or designee representative designated by VP
Admin-finance [EXO]
1 College Dean [EXO]
1 Representative from Martin Luther King, Jr. Library designated by Dean [EXO]
1 Representative from Transportation Solutions designated by AS Executive Director [EXO]
1 faculty, Business
1 faculty, Education
1 faculty, Engineering
1 faculty, Health and Human Sciences
1 faculty, Humanities and the Arts
1 faculty, Science
1 faculty, Social Science
1 faculty, General Unit
5 faculty-at-large
1 member of staff
AS Director of Comm. & Envr. Affairs, A.S. Director of Sustainability Affairs [EXO]
1 student

Note: Process information, originally embedded with membership would now be in a separate section of the policy as follows:
Faculty. One faculty member from each representative unit of the Senate. Five at-large faculty members of the Board shall be recommended by the Academic Senate Executive Committee and appointed by the Academic Senate. All appointed Faculty members will serve for staggered three year terms. Faculty members serve a 3-year term which is renewable for one additional 3-year term. When filling initial appointments, the Chair of the Committee on Committees will stagger the terms of non ex-officio seats.

Deans: One college dean recommended by the Council of Deans and appointed by the President in consultation with the Provost. Deans will be selected by the council of deans and will serve two-year terms.

Students: One student appointed by the VP of Student Affairs from the membership of officially recognized student organizations focused on sustainability. Students will serve one-year terms and can be re-appointed.

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