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At its meeting of March 10, 2008, the Academic Senate passed the following Senate Management Resolution presented by Senator Backer for the Organization and Government Committee.

**SENATE MANAGEMENT RESOLUTION
CREATION OF A TASK FORCE ON SUSTAINABILITY**

Whereas it is increasingly clear that there is a dramatic need to make better and more efficient use of renewable and nonrenewable resources; and

Whereas SJSU has a responsibility to educate its campus community about sustainability; and

Whereas SJSU has a responsibility to lead by example in increasing sustainable practices; therefore be it

Resolved that a Task Force on Sustainability be formed; and be it

Resolved that the Task Force survey sustainability efforts at SJSU, survey other universities with regard to sustainability efforts, study sustainability issues related to SJSU, and make recommendations concerning sustainability at SJSU.

Resolved that the members of the Committee be:

- Vice President for Student Affairs or designee
- One college dean chosen by the college deans
- AVP of Facilities, Development and Operations, or designee
- One representative from Spartan Shops
- One faculty or staff member from each representative unit appointed by the Academic Senate on nomination of the Executive Committee; with such members selected for their interest and/or expertise in sustainability
- One faculty member from Moss Landing Marine Laboratories
- AS Director of Community and Environmental Affairs
- Two students at large to be appointed according to the procedures of the Associated Students

The chair of the Task Force will be elected by the faculty members of the Task Force.

Resolved that the Task Force be convened during Spring 2008 and that the Task Force will report to the Academic Senate by March 1, 2009.

Rationale:

Companies in Silicon Valley and the state government of California have taken a leadership role in this area in the United States. Through the Governor's Executive Order S-20-04, California has committed to reduce energy consumption in state buildings by 20% by 2015¹. SJSU needs to take a more proactive role in modeling sustainability practices on campus.

There are several groups working on campus on issues related to sustainability. SJSU should undertake a systematic approach to the question of sustainability by educating the campus, communicating ongoing efforts, and conceptualizing curricular approaches to this issue. This resolution calls for the establishment of a task force which should allow SJSU to take the first step in making sustainability a central concern of our institution.

Approved February 11, 2008

Vote: 7-0-0

Present: Backer (chair), Grabowski, Kauppila, Hendrick, Hebert, McClory, Selter, Norton (non-voting)

Absent: Vanniarajan, Zhou

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None

WORKLOAD: There will be an increase in workload for the members of the Task Force and for units that work with the Task Force in the data collection and construction of the Task Force's report.

¹ //www.dot.ca.gov/hq/energy/ExecOrderS-20-04.htm