Chancellor's Executive Committee on Sustainability and Climate Change  
(2013 Charge)

The Chancellor’s Executive Committee on Sustainability and Climate Change (ECS) provides a forum for the Chancellor and Campus Provost/Executive Vice Chancellor (CP/EVC) to solicit advice and recommendations from senior campus leadership on implementation of policies and initiatives to integrate sustainability into instruction, research, public service, and campus life. On an annual basis, ECS synthesizes and monitors progress related to campus sustainability goals, commitments, and regulatory requirements. ECS advises the Chancellor and CP/EVC on ways to advance environmental quality within the context of economic viability, and social equity by incorporating sustainability campus-wide through organizational, operational, and behavioral transformation.

Areas of Focus: (Key Issues to be determined annually)

- Communicate a coordinated, and compelling vision to integrate sustainability as a deeply held value and a campus priority at UCSC, serving as a body for counsel and advocacy;
- Review and recommend implementation strategies, priorities, and new policies to help the campus meet its sustainability goals;
- Monitor and evaluate progress towards sustainability and climate goals in relation to regulatory requirements, UC policies, and campus objectives;
- Review and assess organizational structures, funding, accounting models, and other procedures, within the context of competing campus priorities;
- Advance strategies to encourage and stimulate a culture of cross-departmental engagement and collaboration to achieve sustainable outcomes;
- Support and celebrate the broad spectrum of faculty, staff, and student sustainability and climate initiatives.

[http://sustainability.ucsc.edu/governance/committees/executive]

Membership:

Staff: Sustainability Director w/ student
Co-Chair: VP, Academic Affairs
Co-Chair: VC, University Relations
Academic Deans Representative
Academic Senate Representative
Environmental Studies Representative
Associate Chancellor
College Provost
VC, Planning and Budget
VC, Business and Administrative Services
AVC/Dean of Students
AVC, Colleges Housing & Educational Services
AVC Physical Planning and Const/Campus Architect
Graduate Student Association Reps (2)
Student Union Assembly Rep (1)
Student Environmental Center Rep (1)
CSI or CUIP Reps (2)

Meeting frequency: Twice per quarter (other participants based on agenda)

Subcommittee: Committee on Sustainability and Stewardship (CSS)

Work product flow: ECS reviews and provides direction on the Campus Sustainability Plan, Climate Action Plan, Annual Sustainability Progress Report, other studies, etc., and may forward these to the Chancellor, CP/EVC, Academic Senate, and/or other committees for review and comment, or return to CSS for further clarification. The ECS provides final review and direction to CSS and the Sustainability Office and then recommends them to the Chancellor and CP/EVC for approval. Changes to campus policy or organizational structure/procedure would follow a similar process. Proposed physical sustainability projects would be initiated by the appropriate Principal Officer and follow the standard review process through the Advisory Committee on Campus Planning and Stewardship (CPS).

The Sustainability Office acts as a conduit between, and coordinates the functions of the ESC and the CSS. The Office reports on UCSC’s sustainability achievements and challenges, helps chart a strategic course that anticipates future sustainability trends, facilitates communication campus wide, and acts as a catalyst for institutional change.