Committee on Sustainability and Stewardship
(2013 Charge)

As a sub-committee to the Chancellor’s Executive Committee on Sustainability and Climate Change (ECS), the Committee on Sustainability and Stewardship (CSS) offers "topic area" expertise to ECS as it considers revisions to campus policies, procedures, and organizational structures to advance sustainability. CSS supports the Sustainability Office in reporting annually on the status of UCSC’s sustainability in relation to regulatory requirements, UC policies, and campus objectives. It supports the Sustainability Office in coordination and documentation of this information and also with updates and implementation of the Campus Sustainability Plan (CSP), the Climate Action Plan (CAP), and the Annual Sustainability Progress Report. The CSS assists with campus-wide coordination of sustainability efforts, as well as achieving campus sustainability goals, commitments, and regulatory requirements.

Areas of Focus: (Key Issues to be determined annually)
• Receive direction from ECS on implementation of sustainability priorities in coordination with the Sustainability Office;
• Provide ECS with topic area expertise and information on potential strategies, priorities, and new policies, as well as faculty, staff, and student initiatives;
• Supply data to the Sustainability Office for the Annual Sustainability Progress Report and other reporting requirements and propose updates to the CSP and CAP;
• Support and advise Work Groups as they implement CSP and CAP objectives;
• Champion efforts to increase awareness and engagement and hold an annual celebration of sustainability accomplishments.

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

Membership:

Staff: Sustainability Office
Chair: Director, Sustainability Office
Sustainability Internship Coordinator
Sustainability Coordinator
Director, Physical Plant
Director, Housing Facilities
Director, ITS Client Relations Management Planning and Budget Representative
SOAR Sustainability Programs Manager
EHS Environmental Programs Manager
Student Union Association Rep (1)

Student Environmental Center Rep (1)
Graduate Student Association Reps (2)
Campus Sustainability Plan Work Group Chairs: (9)
  Awareness/Education/Engagement
  Buildings/Facilities
  Energy/Climate
  Food
  Land/Habitat/Watershed
  Procurement/Business Contracts
  Transportation
  Waste/Recycling
  Water

Meeting frequency: Once per month, maximum (other participants based on agenda)

Subcommittees: Campus Sustainability Plan Work Groups

Work product flow: Provide the Campus Sustainability Plan, Climate Action Plan, Annual Sustainability Progress Report, and other studies, recommendations, etc., to the ECS for review and direction. 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). Additionally, the Sustainability Office would provide CPS information on other sustainability efforts in their agenda packets, as appropriate.

The Sustainability Office acts as a conduit between, and coordinates the functions of the CSS and the ESC. 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.