

**SPECIAL REPORT**  
**of the**  
**RULES COMMITTEE**  
**concerning**  
**THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN**  
**AD HOC COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABILITY**

**Presented at the**  
**600<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Faculty Senate**  
**December 13, 2001**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

**Roland Chilton, Chair**  
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**AD HOC COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABILITY**

The Amherst campus of the University of Massachusetts currently includes many substantial programs and initiatives appropriately included under the concept of “sustainability;” for example, the undergraduate program in Environmental Sciences; the Grounds Management Sustainability Initiatives, and the recent grant from the EPA to Environmental Health and Safety to support “green chemistry.” However, no group currently is charged to coordinate, deliberate and make recommendations with respect to the broader issues and opportunities related to sustainability.

**MOVED:** That the Faculty Senate establish an **AD HOC COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABILITY** for a term of three years (renewable), consisting of the following members:

**One faculty representative from each School and/or College:**

**Humanities and Fine Arts  
Social and Behavioral Sciences  
Natural Sciences and Mathematics  
Food and Natural Resources  
Management  
Education  
Engineering  
Public Health  
Nursing**

**The Director of the Program in Environmental Sciences (or designee)**

**The Director of the Environmental Institute (or designee)**

**Three faculty members at large (nominated by the Committee on Committees)**

**The Secretary of the Faculty Senate (or designee)**

**The Provost (or designee)**

**The Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance (or designee)**

**The Vice Chancellor for Research (or designee)**

**The Director of the Physical Plant (or designee)**

**The Director of Facilities Planning (or designee)**

**The Director of Environmental Health and Safety (or designee)**

**The Director of Procurement (or designee)**

**The Student Trustee (or designee)**

**A Representative of the Student Government Association**

**One student at large (nominated by the Committee on Committees)**

**Members will be appointed by the Rules Committee, upon recommendations from the Committee on Committees and the various other constituencies stipulated above. The Committee Chair shall be a faculty member elected from among its membership.**

**The Committee is charged to:**

- (1) Advise the university community on all matters related to sustainability.**
- (2) Aggregate and report publicly on sustainability initiatives already in progress on campus.**
- (3) Recommend new campus policies related to sustainability to the Faculty Senate and campus administration.**
- (4) Coordinate sustainable approaches to all aspects of university operations, including Physical Plant, Facilities Planning, and Purchasing.**
- (5) Explore and report on the implications of sustainability with respect to the education, research, and public service mission of the campus.**
- (6) Explore and report on the possibilities for educating students and other members of the campus community through classes and other means.**
- (7) Explore and report on the possibilities for achieving substantial cost savings through sustainability initiatives, which could enhance the resources available to support the core mission of the campus.**
- (8) Explore and report on the possibilities of sustainability with respect to external funding.**
- (9) Deliberate and make recommendations to the Faculty Senate with respect to the establishment of a permanent Committee or Council on Sustainability.**

**The Ad Hoc Committee on Sustainability will be expected to provide appropriate recommendations to the Faculty Senate, and/or to appropriate Councils and Committees of the Faculty Senate. At a minimum, it should provide a progress report or a final report to the Faculty Senate at the antepenultimate Faculty Senate meeting of each academic year.**