

B-019
OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY

University of Pittsburgh
Student Government board
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Introduced by Board Member Mona Kazour and Board Member Abigail Zurschmit
Co-sponsored by President Nites, Environmental Chair Kacy McGill, Former Board
Member Sarah Winston

Whereas all 13 ACC schools currently have an office dedicated to sustainability and supporting environmental practices on campus while educating their students on these issues,

Whereas over 500 students and various organizations signed a petition in support of the implementation of an Office of Sustainability at the University of Pittsburgh,

Whereas the introduction of an Office of Sustainability will provide an opportunity for organizations to collaborate and promote sustainable practices and initiatives,

Whereas the hiring of a Sustainability Coordinator under the office of Pitt Serves will assist in sustainable projects, collaboration, and organization of the Office of Sustainability,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 22nd day of April in the year of 2014, the University of Pittsburgh Student Government Board recommends an amendment to the SGB Governing Code through the addition of “Title 4: Formula Groups. Chapter 1. Office of Sustainability”. The Office of Sustainability will be established as a formula group and receive 0.35% of the Student Activities Fund each year. The following policies and procedures shall be adopted as written:

Title 4: Formula Groups
Chapter 1. Office of Sustainability

Section 1.01. About the Office

- A. The Office of Sustainability will operate within the Division of Student Affairs to foster environmental awareness throughout the Pitt community.
- B. The goal of the office is to infuse sustainability into the culture, values, and decision making process at the University of Pittsburgh.
- C. The office will increase the quantity and quality of sustainability initiatives on campus, provide services and support to the campus community, advocate and assist with sustainable innovations on campus, and ensure fulfillment of institutional commitments to sustainable initiatives.

Section 1.02. Office Responsibilities

- A. Use resources at the university to coordinate new programs to build a more sustainable

campus.

- B. Enhance communication between relevant departments and host monthly meetings.
- C. Enable students to have a direct impact on campus sustainability initiatives.
- D. Coordinate service opportunities that promote a healthier environment.
- E. Develop and maintain a website to publicize the University's progress on sustainability initiatives.

Section 1.03. Student Affairs Sustainability Intern

- A. The Sustainability Intern will be the Student Government Board Environmental Chair.
- B. The Intern will serve 10 office hours per week: 5 of these office hours will be in the Student Government Board office and 5 hours will be in the Office of Sustainability.
- C. The intern will foster communication between student groups to ensure achievement of goals and initiatives of the office.

Section 1.04. Finances

- A. The Office of Sustainability shall receive 0.35% of the Student Activities Fund.
- B. The Pitt Green Fund shall receive \$5,000 of the 0.35% per fiscal year.
- C. The remaining budget shall go towards office events organized by the Sustainability Intern and the Coordinator.
- D. The Student Affairs Sustainability Intern will receive a stipend of \$165 per month out of Student Government Board Remunerations.

This resolution shall be effective with the start of fiscal year 2015 upon adoption by the Student Government Board and subsequent approval by the Vice Provost and Dean of Students, Dr. Humphrey.