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Dear Chancellor Carnesale,

As you know, in 2004 the University of California adopted a Presidential Policy on Green Building Design and Clean Energy Standards – articulating a commitment to incorporate the principles of energy efficiency and sustainability in the planning, design and construction of new buildings and renovation of existing structures. In 2006, the Presidential Policy was augmented to address sustainable transportation. This Presidential Policy provides a means for students, faculty, administrators and external representatives to participate in furthering the development and implementation of the Policy to advance sustainability. Our campus has implemented green building and clean energy programs as described in the Policy and is embarking on a sustainable transportation plan.

For more than two decades, the UCLA campus has worked to improve environmental quality, foster economic vitality, and encourage diversity and social equity in academic, research, operations and community service activities. However, given new UCOP policies, and the work taking place at our peer institutions, it is clear that much more can be done to further UCLA's sustainability efforts. It is for this reason that in 2005, the Administrative Vice Chancellor appointed a Campus Sustainability Committee to develop an agenda to advance sustainability at UCLA. The 15 member Committee, comprised of students, faculty and staff has met over the past year to understand the principles of sustainability and their significance for the campus; a statement of those principles that have guided us in our work are attached to this letter.

Finally, we are enclosing a proposed UCLA Sustainability Charter – a critical product of the work we have undertaken over the past year. We urge you to adopt the Charter in order to take the historical step of institutionalizing sustainability at UCLA.

We thank you for having the foresight to establish the Campus Sustainability Committee and look forward to your support of the next critical step to further campus sustainability efforts.

Sincerely,

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Tova Lelah, Co-Chair Campus Sustainability Committee
Assistant Director, Campus and Environmental Planning

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Mary D. Nichols".

Mary D. Nichols, Co-Chair Campus Sustainability Committee
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cc: Campus Sustainability Committee

UCLA CAMPUS SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

GUIDING CAMPUS PRINCIPLES OF SUSTAINABILITY

The Campus Sustainability Committee (Committee) works under the guidance of the Office of the Chancellor:

To create, a “culture of sustainability” at UCLA in which the entire community is aware of, engaged in, and committed to advancing sustainability through education, research, operations, and community partnerships.

The Committee supports a sustainability agenda at UCLA by:

- A. Fostering cross-cutting collaborations for the purpose of increasing awareness of sustainability concepts throughout the campus community and creating synergies that will educate and engage students, faculty and staff in these efforts.
- B. Infusing sustainability into core academic and educational programs to ensure that our students are prepared to face the global challenges of the 21st century; promoting the application of the University’s unique resources to complex environmental, and economic and social issues by: incorporating sustainability concepts into the academic curriculum, advancing interdisciplinary research, and engaging in community service activities that promote sustainability.
- C. Integrating sustainable practices into campus operations and long-term planning by minimizing resource consumption and waste generation; establishing innovative procurement practices; utilizing indicators of sustainability that enable assessment of performance; and recognizing, supporting, and rewarding initiatives that promote sustainability.

The ability to take action on UCLA’s sustainability agenda requires the provision of institutional resources including, but not limited to:

- 1. The establishment of a full-time professional campus sustainability coordinator.
- 2. That the Campus Sustainability Committee, be made a permanent body that advises the Executive Vice Chancellor on setting priorities for campus sustainability activities and initiatives.

**University of California, Los Angeles
Sustainability Charter**

April 20, 2006

Article I – Purpose

SECTION 1: PURPOSE

The purpose of the Campus Sustainability Committee (Committee) is to promote sustainability in planning, development and operation of the campus environment and facilities as well as in the development of sustainability initiatives in education, research and community service activities.

SECTION 2: DEFINITION OF SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainability refers to the physical development and institutional operating practices that meet the needs of present users without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs, particularly with regard to use and waste of natural resources. Sustainable practices support ecological, human, and economic health and vitality. Sustainability presumes that resources are finite, and should be used conservatively and wisely with a view to long-term priorities and consequences of the ways in which resources are used. (Definition of Sustainability used by the University of California)

Article II – Goals and Responsibilities

The Committee is charged with advising the Executive Vice Chancellor on matters pertaining to the campus environment and sustainability as it directly relates to the University of California, Los Angeles.

The mission of the Committee shall be composed of three central goals:

- To engage the campus in an ongoing dialogue about sustainability;
- To integrate sustainability with existing campus programs in education, research, operations, and community service;
- To instill a culture of sustainable long-range planning and forward-thinking design.

The Committee shall choose projects and subcommittees related to these three goals.

Article III – Membership

SECTION 1: TERM OF SERVICE

All members of the Committee shall be appointed for one term of service. The appointment shall continue into the next term of service unless otherwise stipulated by the nominating entity. A term of service (Term) shall be defined as the duration from the first day of August until the last day of May of the following year. The Term shall end in May for all members, regardless of the date of their appointments. There is no limit to the number of terms a member of the Committee may serve.

SECTION 2: COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

The Committee shall consist of representatives from the following areas:

- Academic Senate
- Undergraduate Students Association
- Graduate Students Association
- Staff Assembly
- Student Affairs
- Capital Programs
- General Services (Facilities, Parking & Transportation, and Environmental Health Services)
- Campus Purchasing
- Housing and Hospitality
- Chancellor's Office

Article IV – Meetings

SECTION 1: COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Committee shall meet at a minimum of one time per quarter. The time and location shall be determined by consensus of the Committee and all members of the Committee shall be notified in advance.

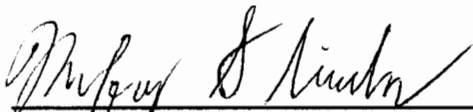
SECTION 2: SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS

The subcommittees shall, pending the nature of the workload, meet at the discretion of the chairperson(s) of each subcommittee.

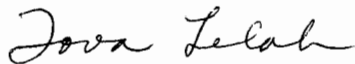
SECTION 3: PUBLICITY

Meetings of the Committee and its subcommittees shall be open to the public and announced publicly.

Respectfully submitted by the Campus Sustainability Committee Co-Chairs:

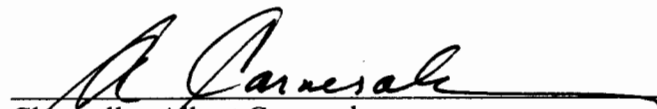


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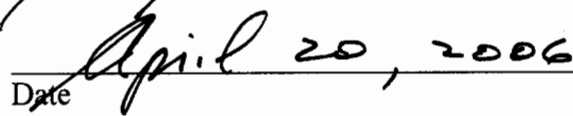


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APPROVED:



Chancellor Albert Carnesale



Date