

# **SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE BYLAWS**

## **Article I: Name**

Section 1: The name of this organization shall be the University of Denver USG Sustainability Committee.

## **Article II: Mission Statement**

Section 1: The mission of the University of Denver USG Sustainability Committee shall be to promote and enhance student initiatives that further the ecological sustainability of the University of Denver, focusing on the needs and impacts of the Undergraduate student body. The Committee shall encourage the participation of all undergraduate students in the process of developing and implementing programs and initiatives on campus, as well as work in collaboration with the Provost's Sustainability Council. The Committee shall work to educate the University of Denver community at large about sustainable living and foster an milieu where inherent value is placed on the environment. Finally, the Committee will work to support and maintain the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment (ACUPUCC).

## **Article III: Membership**

Section 1: The committee shall consist of no more than 15 members, no more than one-third of whom may be members of the USG Senate, including the Chairperson. The Committee shall consist of minimum of five members, including the Chairperson.

Section 2: Either the Chairperson or a member of the committee must also be a voting member of the Provost's Sustainability Council (pending approval of the Council itself)

Section 3: All confirmed committee members are eligible to vote, with the exception of the Chair, who only votes as a tie-breaker.

Section 4: All students who pay the student activity fee are eligible to be members of the committee, provided that they have a demonstrated interest in promoting sustainability at the University of Denver.

Section 5: The members of the committee shall be appointed by the by the Sustainability Committee Chair and confirmed by the USG Senate. Any member of the USG as defined in the USG Constitution, including but not limited to members of the USG Senate, must submit to the Chair and Vice-Chair a statement expressing their interest in joining the Committee in order to be considered for membership. The

statement should include the individual's commitment to sustainability at the University of Denver and their ideas for furthering sustainable efforts on campus.

#### **Article IV: Advisor**

Section 1: The advisor(s) of the USG Senate shall be advisor(s) of the Sustainability Committee. The members are expected to work and consult with the advisor(s).

#### **Article V: Funding**

Section 1: A minimum of \$50,000 shall be allocated from the USG Finance Committee during spring allocation for the following academic year, per USG Finance Committee Bylaws and Policies.

#### **Article VI: Rules and Regulations**

Section 1: The Sustainability Committee shall act in accordance with the USG Constitution and its Bylaws, and University of Denver guidelines in attainment of the Committee's mission. This shall be done by applying the USG Constitution and its Bylaws as well as University regulations whenever relevant.

Section 2: The Sustainability Committee shall maintain all projects instituted by previous Sustainability Committees. Furthermore, in order to maintain sustainable initiatives, the Sustainability Committee shall continue all fiscal commitments as long as the commitments would not severely and grossly limit functions of the Sustainability Committee.

#### **Article VII: Adoption and Amendments**

Section 1: A 2/3 vote of by the Sustainability Committee, and a subsequent 2/3-majority vote of the USG Senate shall be necessary to adopt and/or amend the Sustainability Committee Bylaws.

Section 2: In the case of conflict, the USG Constitution shall supersede the Sustainability Committee Bylaws.