

BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE

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Proposal for establishing a Sustainability Committee

1. Issue: BC is in need of a Sustainability Plan, which includes a Recycling Policy (enforcement), Rideshare Policy, Energy Conservation Plan and a Design & Construction Policy.
2. Rationale: To improve sustainability and accountability across campus by having a group of employees and students who work together-advocate, promote and implement our sustainability core value.
3. Background/Institutional History: execution of sustainable changes that have not been documented, such as, electric work vehicles now in place, low flush toilets retrofit, parking lot lights upgraded - to LED, irrigation upgrades-replaced sprinkler heads with 28% water savings, etc.
4. Opposing Views: Unknown.
 - a. Response: many colleges have a Sustainability and Recycling Coordinator; this committee would replace a need for such coordinator (cost savings) and further allow collaboration among all constituency groups in such decisions.
5. Solution: Establish a Sustainability Committee with the proposed outline.

Charge: To advocate, promote, and implement Bakersfield College's **Sustainability Core Value**: We recognize our responsibility for continuing and maintaining this institution which has been shaped by over 100 years of resolute and tenacious labor and judicious foresight, so we unceasingly place our energies into imaging how we might sustain and renew our fiscal, human and environmental resources into the future; and **Strategic Initiative of Fiscal Sustainability**: a commitment to incorporate 21st century technologies and process to strengthen the long-term fiscal sustainability.

To cultivate a culture of environmental responsibility in which the entire campus community is aware of, engaged in and committed to advancing environmental awareness and sustainable practices through education, research, operations and community service activities.

Goals/Objectives:

- Develop sustainability policies and procedures
- Develop a long-term plan for implementing sustainable practices
- Recommend new initiatives to promote sustainable practices to the College President and to specific departments or programs affected and work with such departments/staff/students to implement changes
- Communicate, educate, and promote sustainable efforts to campus community
- Improve recycling efforts at Bakersfield College
- Determine ways the college can reduce its impact on the environment.

- Develop funding strategies for projects and programs
- Provide an annual report to the campus community on sustainability progress (progress report card) with benefits and cost analysis

Note: Recycling profits gained from innovation- to go into new sustainable projects

Resources: Partners-Bakersfield ARC, SJ Valley Air District, KernCommute, Bike Bakersfield, etc.

Timetable

	Description of Work	Start/End Dates
Phase One	Establish membership	
Phase Two	Sustainability Plan	
Phase Three	Implement Action Plan	

Members

Composition

- Chaired by Manager of Maintenance & Operations
- Vice President of Administrative Services
- 4 faculty appointed by the Academic Senate. Term: 1 year terms. No two from the same department.
- The CSEA President of Classified designee from College Council.
- 3 Classified staff representatives appointed by the CSEA. One should be from administrative services and one should be from educational services (instructional area). Term: 1 year.
- 2 Student Government Association representatives. Term: 1 year.
- Representative from other committees or those with particular expertise may be brought in as needs arise from short-term consultation.

****Key areas needed for representation, but not limited to:** Food Services, Child Development, Facilities/Construction, Sciences, Engineering/Industrial Technologies, Information Services, and Student Affairs

Recommendations: