

Princeton USG Senate
Meeting 4
March 1, 2020
7:00 Lewis Library 138



**Undergraduate
Student
Government**

Introduction

1. Question and Answer Session (15 minutes)
2. President's Report (5 minutes)

New Business

1. Dillon Gym Expansion Presentation: Jarett Messina (20 minutes)
 2. Sustainability Charter Presentation: Claire Waynor (15 minutes)
 3. Ideas Incubator: Chitra Parikh and Allen Liu (10 minutes)
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Sustainability Committee Charter

ARTICLE I – PURPOSE

The Sustainability Committee shall serve four primary roles:

1. Communicate sustainability themes to the campus community through USG broadcasting platforms, targeted campaigns, and in-person events
2. Coordinate collaborative annual campus-wide programming, including:
 - a. Earth Month (April)
 - b. First-year orientation education (September)
3. Ensure collaboration among sustainability groups on common campus challenges, including advising newly formed sustainability groups or students seeking to form a new sustainability group.
4. Incorporate sustainability into USG internal events and office practices.
5. Advocate for sustainability as part of campus-wide policies and decisionmaking.

ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

The committee shall consist of 6-8 members, filling the following positions, with additional positions and roles created and assigned on an as-needed basis.

- Sustainability Committee Chair (elected by the student body every fall election)
- Committee Vice Chair
- Outreach and Collaborations Chair
- Earth Month and Campus Programming Chair
- First-Year Orientation Chair
- Communications Chair
- USG Internal Operations Chair
- Members-at-large (to fill in for general projects/needs)

In addition, an Office of Sustainability Staff Liaison will support the committee in an advisory role. All members (excluding the Committee Chair) will be recruited by the Committee Chair following fall elections and will serve renewable one-year terms. Meetings will be open to the campus community, including any interested students and staff members. Student sustainability groups on campus are strongly recommended to send a representative, ideally the group president or another officer, consistently to each committee meeting (the Outreach and Collaborations Chair can assist with communicating among the different groups).

ARTICLE III – DUTIES

The Sustainability Committee Chair will be responsible for setting and coordinating the meeting time as well as representing sustainability issues on USG at all Senate and ExComm meetings. In

addition, the chair will serve as a public advocate for sustainability issues in broader campus-wide policymaking processes.

The Committee Vice Chair will assist the Committee Chair with their duties as well as with any miscellaneous projects (on an as-needed basis).

The Outreach and Collaborations Chair will interface among the various undergraduate sustainability groups on campus to facilitate dialogue and partnerships among these groups as well as ensure representation at committee meetings by group members as often as possible or, in their absence, represent their interests. This position functions as a student employee, called the Student Sustainability Liaison, under the Office of Sustainability.

The Earth Month Chair shall coordinate, in partnership with the Office of Sustainability, planning for Earth Month programming each April with a particular focus on USG-sponsored event(s). Outside of Earth Month, this person will plan and execute other campus-wide programming that focuses on sustainability.

The First-Year Orientation Chair shall coordinate sustainability programming during first-year orientation to ensure that sustainability continues to be a major theme.

The Campus Programming Chair shall plan interdisciplinary sustainability-themed programming to reach a diverse array of the campus community, leveraging USG's broad reach.

The Communications Chair shall coordinate content for the USG newsletter (e.g., weekly recycling/climate tips) and targeted outreach campaigns related to sustainability.

The USG Internal Operations Chair will focus on advancing sustainability within USG's normal events (e.g., Lawnparties, Communiversity), utilizing the Office of Sustainability's Sustainability Action Plan and Sustainable Event Guidelines as guiding frameworks. All USG event organizers will be required to consult with the Committee Chair and Internal Operations Chair before hosting their event. This person will also maintain internal USG sustainability initiatives as needed, including recycling within the USG office and washing reusable USG tablecloths after events.

The Office of Sustainability Staff Liaison shall advise the committee, communicate initiatives being led by the Office, and connect students with campus partners.

Members must attend all committee meetings. The Committee Chair will assign special projects on an as-needed basis.

Censure of Members

Any member with unexcused absences from two consecutive meetings or are exhibiting a general failure to participate may be dismissed by the Committee Chair. This decision can be appealed and brought before the USG Executive Committee which will subsequently conduct a review, in consultation with the Committee Chair, Outreach Chair, and Staff Liaison.

ARTICLE IV – MEETINGS & CRITERIA

The committee will meet on a monthly basis, with more regular meetings to be coordinated by chairs as needed (e.g., more frequent before April Earth Month).

ARTICLE V – AMENDMENTS

This Charter may be amended or altered by a majority vote of the USG Senate (S. Const. §308).

ARTICLE VI – CHARTER RATIFICATION

Upon a 2/3 vote of the USG Senate, this charter shall be considered established and operational. When this charter is enacted, the previous charter will no longer have authority.