



February 6, 2018

To: Dylan Rodriguez, Chair  
Riverside Division

From: Ward Beyermann, Chair, Executive Committee  
College of Natural and Agricultural Science

Re: Campus Review: Ad Hoc Committee Report on Sustainability

The CNAS Executive Committee discussed the ad hoc committee's report on sustainability at its November 14, 2017 meeting. Sustainability is an important concern for both the faculty and students. It is unfortunate that the old system, which seemed to work exceedingly well, was discarded with no justification. While the administration is primarily responsible for this activity, given its importance with the faculty, the lack of transparency and faculty participation in the restructuring process by VC Anguiano was inconsistent with the principles of shared governance.

Even though some expressed a need for more detail, overall, the committee supports the recommendations in the report. At a more nuanced level, the committee noted an increase in the administrative oversight of this program within the three pillars, perhaps in response to the poorly executed restructuring process. However, given the effectiveness of the old system, some questioned the necessity to hire a Vice Provost for Sustainability. Also establishing Senate oversight is important, but we wonder if this is possible with existing standing committees instead of a dedicated committee. The Senate may want to consider appointing a special committee on this issue and reconsider conversion of this committee into a standing committee at a later date. With or without a Committee on Sustainability, standing committees that have overlapping interests will need to opine for context within their broader previews.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ward Beyermann". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Ward Beyermann, Chair  
CNAS Executive Committee