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The CHASS Executive Committee has reviewed the UC Policy on Sustainable Practices. We did not notice any major issues and are generally happy with the leadership position the UC aspires to take in the field of environmental sustainability.

We would, however, like to note a number of concerns that we would like to see addressed in the next version of the document.

1) Some of the goals – e.g. the procurement of sustainable food products and plant-based foods – lack baseline numbers. Without context the goals of 25%/30% seem rather low.
2) The section on water does not address the issue of sustainable (desert) landscaping.
3) Environmental justice is only mentioned once, but arguably should inform all sustainability decisions the UC takes. For example, there is no discussion on how the switch to sustainable food products will affect food prices (and who would bear the burden of the potentially increased costs).