PLANNING AND BUDGET

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To: Sang-Hee Lee, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Reza Abbaschian, Chair
Committee on Planning and Budget

RE: [Campus Review] Report Review: Sustainability, the Environment and Climate Crisis Ad Hoc Committee Report

The Committee on Planning and Budget (CPB) reviewed the Sustainability, the Environment and Climate Crisis Ad Hoc Committee Report. While CPB believes a standing Senate committee on sustainability is a good idea, we register the following concerns:

- There are examples of sustainability plans being made, but there is no indication that there are sufficient funds for these plans. Who will pay for the Vice Provost of Sustainability (VPS)? If the VPS is pulled from the faculty, then that could negatively impact teaching, etc.

- The need for a VPS is not well justified. This position may just add an extra administration layer and drain from resources available for addressing actual sustainability issues.

- Instead of creating the VPS position, why couldn’t the SECC Committee work with the Vice Chancellor of Planning, Budget and Administration?