



Academic Senate

GRADUATE COUNCIL

March 20, 2026

To: Kenneth Barish, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Viji Santhakumar, Chair
Graduate Council

RE: [Systemwide Review] (Proposal) Proposal to Establish a Systemwide Academic Senate Committee on Climate Change and Sustainability

The Graduate Council reviewed the Proposal to Establish a Systemwide Academic Senate Committee on Climate Change and Sustainability at their March 19, 2026 meeting. The Council wondered how the members of this committee would be determined if not all campuses will be required to have a divisional committee on Climate Change and Sustainability. Furthermore, to ensure representation from each campus, there should be a divisional committee on each campus as well as relevant disciplines and research fields which should be identified in the proposal. The Council supported the general idea of this committee but the details and parameters in the proposal were not specific.