



MEMORANDUM
Office of the President

September 26, 2016

TO: Mark Karplus
Chair, Academic Senate

FROM: Leroy M. Morishita 
President

SUBJECT: Academic Senate Resolution 15-16 CAH Sustainability 1, Ad Hoc
Committee on Sustainability

Upon review of Academic Senate Resolution 15-16 CAH Sustainability 1, Ad Hoc Committee on Sustainability, I respectfully reject the resolution and provide the rationale for my decision below.

Sustainability is both a Shared Strategic Commitment and an Institutional Learning Outcome, and thus the understanding of being a responsible actor of sustainability is an expectation for all degree recipients. I encourage and welcome the Ad Hoc Committee on Sustainability to promote sustainability in curricular and co-curricular activities, and promote opportunities for sustainability research and scholarship. However, there are at least three other committees on campus with faculty representation whose duties are the oversight of facilities development, management and renovation of campus infrastructure and development. Given the redundancy of efforts, I am averse to creating another committee with that particular duty as part of its charge.

Given the context of the resolution, and while I appreciate the work done by the Academic Senate, I cannot currently accept Academic Senate Resolution 15-16 CAH Sustainability 1, Ad Hoc Committee on Sustainability, adopted by the CSUEB Academic Senate on May 31, 2016.

cc: Edward Inch, Provost and Vice President, Academic Affairs