

DATE: Monday, April 21, 2008  
TO: Campus Community  
FROM: Chancellor Bishop

Subject: UCSF Sustainability Committee

Dear Colleagues:

Global warming is one of the most challenging and wide-ranging issues confronting humankind today. Its effects on the environment and human health have been soundly acknowledged by the scientific community. As a health science campus, UCSF is in an excellent position to lead by example. For the past five years, UCSF has benefitted from a Sustainability Steering Committee that has focused on ways to reduce our environmental footprint. Today, I am pleased to announce the establishment of the Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Sustainability (CACS), which will further enhance our efforts in this important area.

The charge to this committee is to examine UCSF's effect on the environment from a comprehensive perspective; to evaluate existing UCSF policies, procedures, and/or programs that affect the environment; to serve as a coordinating body for groups or individuals concerned with sustainability issues at UCSF; and to recommend to me changes that will increase sustainability at UCSF.

Senior Vice Chancellor Steve Barclay and Medical Center Chief Operating Officer Tomi Ryba will serve as co-chairs of the committee. For a list of committee members see <http://chancellor.ucsf.edu/committees/standing/Sustainability/contents.htm>.

I appreciate your support for this campus committee and am grateful for the achievements of the Sustainability Steering Committee members to date. I look to all the members of the UCSF community to continue their commitment and involvement in the area of sustainability.

On Earth Day, April 22, "UCSF Today" will include an article outlining UCSF's accomplishments to date, efforts currently underway, and future plans in this critical area.

J. Michael Bishop, M.D.  
Chancellor