

The Graduate Assembly

Internal Committee Report: Environmental Sustainability

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About the Committee

The Environmental Sustainability Committee advises the Graduate Assembly, as well as all necessary individuals within the Graduate Assembly, on the sustainability of all relevant actions and politics of the Graduate Assembly. It shall also issue an annual report on the Graduate Assembly's sustainability and shall work with the relevant parts of the Graduate Assembly to improve sustainable practices and implement sustainable policies. Notes are taken of the meetings, which must be noticed and open to the public.

November Update

The committee focused efforts for the past month prioritizing an advocacy agenda for the rest of the year. By consensus, we identified a focus around water conservation + food production on campus that seems promising, i.e. the possibility of replacing grass lawns with perhaps food gardens. With last year's campus-wide push on sustainable food and this year's California priority around water conservation, we found that this advocacy item aligned well with interests on campus. Also, the committee will be working on updating last year's sustainable food guide and developing suggestions on how to embed positive fiscal feedback loops within the funding application. Additionally, this committee was given approval + financial support from the exec. committee to facilitate 6 sustainable happy hours throughout the year, the first is to be held Nov. 4th.