

MEMORANDUM

To: Bill Keep, Interim Provost/Vice President
From: The Steering Committee
Re: Formation of a Sustainability Council in Governance
Date: June 4, 2019

On April 3, 2019, the Faculty Senate unanimously passed a resolution in support of including a Sustainability Council in the TCNJ Governance Structure. This recommendation is in line with a December 2018 proposal sent to The Steering Committee by the ad hoc “President’s Climate Commitment Committee” (PC3). That proposal is attached.

The Steering Committee agrees with the recommendation that a Sustainability Council should be added to the TCNJ governance structure. We recommend that this council report to CSPP. We recommend that The Sustainability Council should serve as an advisory group to provide input to the strategic planning concerning College facilities, grounds, and emissions so as to continually improve the college’s environmental sustainability and green profile. The council should help with implementation of goal 4 under priority #4 of the Strategic Plan--Incorporate sustainability practices into all academic, administrative, recreational and residential operations of the college. The council should act as a resource to the educational programming of the college including opportunities for community engaged learning.

Membership of the Council should be comprised of 9 individuals:

- 3 faculty who have expressed interest in sustainability (e.g., through teaching or scholarship) appointed by Faculty Senate
- 3 staff appointed by Staff Senate
- 2 students appointed by Student Government
- The Vice President of Facilities Management or a designee