

Setting our Goals

I asked the students on the Sustainability Committee how they would define sustainability. Here are the things they/I think we should add to our metric/goals for our strategic plan:

1. **Water:** 1) Reduce our water usage by a set percentage every year or over a span of a few years.
2. **Energy:** 1) Reduce energy usage by a set percentage. 2) Double check that all lights on campus are LEDs (if we haven't already) 3) Actively search for natural energy sources and ways we can incorporate them on campus **This is something students on the Sustainability Committee would be more than happy to help with!
3. **Waste:** 1) Continue to reduce waste on campus through education, signage, and strategic bin placement 2) Replace single use trash items around campus with biodegradable and recyclable items (forks and knives, paper towels etc.) This could include looking into setting policies for vendors on campus. 3) Establish places on campus where people can dispose of special trash items responsibly (batteries, electronics, clothing, etc.) **Point 3 could potentially fall under ASMC's responsibility if we continue to grow our Sustainability Committee, which I believe we will.
4. **Landscaping:** 1) As we update or change our campus landscaping, we should try to implement CA natives wherever we can** I'm not suggesting we start pulling out all our grass or do anything drastic! Just that we set it as a goal to incorporate them whenever possible.
5. **Integration with AS/ASSC:** Somehow, we should ensure that we work together in the future. Responsibilities that should remain under ASMC can easily be written into our governing documents.
6. **Notification:** Finding ways to keep the community updated on how well we're doing in terms of sustainability.

I know a lot of this is too specific to add to the strategic plan as we looked over it, but I believe they should be incorporated into a more specific breakdown of our goals in terms of sustainability.