

**Final Report**  
*Senate ad hoc Committee on Recycling*  
February 6, 2007

*History.* The Senate formed an ad hoc Committee on Recycling in the late Spring of 2006. The Committee met regularly over the summer and fall of 2006, reviewing what is being done in terms of recycling, and environmental sustainability more generally across campus. We learned that Facilities Management is responsible for many of the initiatives in this area, although they have no oversight over UPMC or the residence halls.

As we learned more about what Pitt is doing, it became clear to us that although Pitt is engaged in a many activities related to the environment. These include:

- Sustainable design of new and renovated buildings.
- Energy conservation
- Pollution and emissions reductions
- Greening of the campus through plantings
- Recycling of paper, metals, and other materials.

*Recommendations:*

1. The Senate urge the University to better publicize its sustainability activities.
2. Joseph Fink who directs the Office of Facilities Management should be invited to present to Faculty Assembly about Pitt's sustainability initiatives.
3. Units that are not under the oversight of Facilities Management be asked about their sustainability activities by the Senate Plant Utilization and Planning Committee.
3. The ad hoc Committee on Recycling be ended. The Senate Plant Utilization and Planning Committee [PUP] has invited interested members of the ad hoc committee to participate in PUP meetings. PUP has formed a subcommittee on Sustainability that will be chaired by Buck Favorini. [The chair of PUP, Robert Ries, has been an active member of the ad hoc Committee].
4. PUP's mission statement be expanded to include oversight of sustainability initiatives.

*Members of the Committee:*

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Ellen Cohn

Mark Collins

Russ Delude

Attilio (Buck) Favorini

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