



SB #23/24-04: Creation of an SUUSA Sustainability Committee (2023-2024)

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Be it enacted by the SUUSA Student Senate assembled:

1. *Section 1: Purpose:*
 - a. This bill seeks to establish a SUUSA Sustainability Committee with the authority to collaborate closely with the Outdoor Pathways Sustainability program and fulfill campus sustainability initiatives at Southern Utah University (SUU). The authority for enacting this bill stems from SUU's commitment to enhancing the campus community's ecological consciousness and fostering a greener environment, both on campus, and within the entire southern Utah area.
2. *Section 2: SUUSA finds the following :*
 - a. As members of the Southern Utah University Student Association and as student leaders at SUU, with connections to other campus faculty and administration, we have a responsibility to respond to student concerns related to sustainability on campus and facilitate events to encourage active involvement from students.
 - b. SUU is the largest college in the state of Utah that does not have a sustainability office. Outdoor Pathways has someone employed that is

currently over recycling, but it is only a small part of their job in which they aren't able to fully make the effort that it takes to manage a sustainability program. Therefore it can be said that SUU lacks proper management of such a sustainability program and a newly formed body would change that.

- c. Outdoor Pathways, in its efforts to promote sustainability, requires the support and coordination of a dedicated SUUSA Sustainability Committee along with students and/or faculty. Making a central group that is cohesive in working together with student and faculty committees is a goal worth pursuing through the means of SUUSA.

3. *Section 3: Action(s) and implementation:*

- a. Action 1: The SUUSA Sustainability Committee will be created and co-chaired by Involvement and Clubs Director Eleanor Smith and SUUSA Senator Om Mehta.
- b. Action 2: The committee members will be selected through a joint effort of the Outdoor Pathways Sustainability program and the SUUSA Senate. This includes faculty, staff, students, and clubs as they deem necessary.

4. *Section 4:* This legislation shall take effect immediately upon the signature of the SUUSA President and will remain in effect until April 26, 2024, marking the conclusion of the academic school year.

Votes in favor: ¹²~~15~~ AE. Votes in opposition: 0 Votes in abstention: 0

Certification of passage:

x Alexis Mccliff

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President of the Senate

Attestation of passage:

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Parliamentarian of the Senate

Presidential Approval:

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