To: President John Romo

From: Diane Rodriguez-Kiino, Ph.D.
      Adam Green, Ph.D.

Date: May 12, 2008

Subject: American Colleges and Universities Presidents Climate Commitment

CC: Tom Fitzgerald (SS), Ignacio Alarcon (AS), Liz Auchincloss (CSEA), Jack Friedlander (CPC), Julie Hendricks (Business Services), Joe Sullivan (Business Services)

Per your directive, a study group formed to review the feasibility of the college’s participation in the Presidents Climate Commitment (PCC). After examining the requirements of the commitment and the current status of the college’s efforts in sustainability, the study group concluded that it would benefit the college to sign the PCC based on the following factors:

1) The college’s desire to be a leader in sustainability in the community, in theory and in practice.

2) The actions required for the commitment are significantly minimized by the college’s efforts to date. The PCC requires colleges to complete **two** of the following six:

   a) Establish a policy that all new campus construction will be built to at least the U.S. Green building Council’s LEED Silver standard or equivalent.
   b) Adopt an energy efficient appliance purchasing policy requiring purchase of ENERGY STAR certified products in all areas for which ENERGY STAR rating exist.
   c) Establish a policy of offsetting all greenhouse gas emissions generated by air travel paid for by the institution.
   d) Encourage use of and provide access to public transportation for all faculty, staff, students, and visitors at the institution.
   e) Within one year of signing this document, begin purchasing or producing at least 15% of the institution’s electricity consumption from renewable sources.
   f) Establish a policy or a committee that supports climate and sustainability shareholder proposals at companies where the institution’s endowment is invested.
Currently, the college is well on its way to meeting the following three of these six requirements:

a) The SoMA building will be built to meet LEED Silver certification.

b) The college’s arrangement with MTD to provide free access to public transportation for students. In addition, the college’s efforts related to telecommuting, college-sponsored vanpools, alternate work schedules, and carpooling incentives all work to reduce vehicle traffic to and from the campus.

e) The installation of the solar panels will generate an estimated 10% of the college’s energy use, representing a significant portion of the required 15%.

3) Colleges signing this commitment will be eligible for grants and other funding that has recently become available to support efforts to implement sustainability practices. Access to these funds will help the college achieve its goals related to sustainability.

4) As of April 22, 2008 a total of 526 colleges and universities throughout the country have signed the commitment, including 33 California Community Colleges, the entire UC system, five CSU campuses, and 18 private institutions. In addition, the City of Santa Barbara has signed a comparable agreement called the Mayors Climate Commitment.

Immediately following the draft of the abovementioned conclusions, Leif Skogberg, Adam Green, and Diane Rodriguez-Kiino ushered the PCC and its proposed budget through the consultative process to gather support from the different constituency groups. The single opposing argument to signing the PCC was the pending California Community College budget crisis, and SBCC’s ability to fund such a commitment. Despite this hesitation, endorsements were received in the following order:

- Student Senate (SS)    March 21
- Classified School Employees Association (CSEA)  April 17
- College Planning Council (CPC)  April 29
- Academic Senate (AS)  May 7

Attached you will find a proposed budget and the list of institutions that have already signed the commitment.

Attachments
President's Climate Commitment
California Signatories

As of April 22, 2008

- Total Signatories = 526
- Total California Signatories = 66
- **Total California Community Colleges and/or Districts = 33**

See list below where California Community Colleges/Districts are in **bold**

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