

Clean Energy and Resource Conservation Commission Statutes

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Chapter 601:

The Clean Energy and Resource Conservation Commission

601.1 The Clean Energy and Resource Conservation Commission shall be charged with achieving USF St. Petersburg's Sustainability and Resiliency Goals, including meeting 100% of USF St. Petersburg's ongoing commitments to Second Nature, competing for a top ten ranking on the Princeton Review's Green Colleges Guide, and establishing a leading role for USFSP in the national effort to build a smarter, cleaner economy.

601.2 In collaboration with the USFSP Office of Sustainability and the Student Green Energy Fund, the Commission shall:

601.2.1 Update the University's agreement with Second Nature by signing and fulfilling the requirements of the Climate Commitment;

601.2.1.1 This commitment shall include both the Resilience Commitment and the Carbon Commitment, which shall be implemented in partnership with the City of St. Petersburg.

601.2.2 Update the University's climate action plan and greenhouse gas inventory according to our Second Nature commitments, with the aim of accelerating the carbon neutrality timeline;

601.2.3 Establish means and procedures, including an energy management system, by which savings accrued by the university from the investment of student fees (i.e. CERCC & SGEF) shall be tracked and reinvested through a green revolving fund;

601.2.3.1 CERCC shall review and approve all green revolving fund project proposals prior to submission to the Regional Chancellor for final authorization.

601.2.4 Support the University's efforts to rank on the Princeton Review's Green Colleges Guide and Sierra Club Cool Schools Magazine by achieving a Platinum STARS score, with an emphasis on:

601.2.4.1 Establishing graduate and undergraduate Sustainability Studies programs;

601.2.4.2 Aligning academic activities with sustainability initiatives.

601.2.4.5 Represent USFSP in local, state and national conferences, gatherings

and discussions related to sustainability and resiliency;

601.2.4.5 Support the maintenance of student-sponsored sustainability initiatives impacting the university.

601.2.4.6 Support ongoing collaboration between USF St. Petersburg, the City of St. Petersburg, and Duke Energy Florida.

601.3 The Clean Energy and Resource Conservation Commission shall be comprised of at least the following twelve (12) members:

601.3.1 Secretary of Sustainable Initiatives, Chair.

601.3.2 Sustainability Planner

601.3.3 One Senator, appointed by the Senate President.

601.3.4 Three student leaders interested in sustainability, appointed by the Student Government President.

601.3.5 Student chair or co-chair of the Student Green Energy Fund (SGEF), or their student appointee from within SGEF.

601.3.6 Tenured Professor interested in sustainability and/or resiliency appointed by the Regional Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

601.3.7 Director of Facilities Services

601.3.8 Regional Vice Chancellor for Administrative and Financial Services

601.3.9 Regional Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

601.3.10 Construction coordinator and Inspector.

601.4 The Commission shall:

601.4.1 Provide within its Standard Operating Procedures means to add additional members, maintain half student and half non-student membership, and expand to include University and community leaders.

601.4.2 Elect its vice chair, whose responsibilities shall be outlined within the Commission's Standard Operating Procedures.

601.4.3 Establish within its Standard Operating Procedures a Student Committee on Proposals, whereby the Commission's student membership shall, independent of the full

commission, serve to allocate the Commission's funding.

601.4.4 Establish within its Standard Operating Procedures a process for approving expenditures for commission-led projects that receive student funding.

601.5 Twenty-five cents per credit hour shall be designated annually from the Activity and Service Fee Budget to provide the Commission reliable financing. Amending this provision shall require a supermajority vote of the General Assembly.

601.6 The Commission and/or the Student Committee may submit recommendations, requests and notices to any person or entity within the USFSP Community, including Student Government, where sustainability and the implementation of Second Nature's Climate Commitment is concerned.