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A charge establishing
The Chancellor's Taskforce on Sustainability

Statement of Purpose

The Chancellor's Taskforce on Sustainability shall serve as the University of Colorado Denver's primary visioning body for both long-term and short-term sustainability initiatives on both the Downtown Denver Campus and the Anschutz Medical Campus.

Charge

The Chancellor's Taskforce on Sustainability is charged with developing both long-term and short-term sustainability goals and initiatives to be implemented across the entirety of the University of Colorado Denver where appropriate or within individual schools, colleges, divisions, departments and units. These initiatives should, among other goals, assist the university in meeting its aspirations and obligations under Gov. Bill Ritter's Greening of State Government executive orders as well as the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment and the University of Colorado Denver's 2020 Strategic Plan. The taskforce shall engage across units at UC Denver and outside of UC Denver to collaboratively develop initiatives that include a spectrum of effort from small, low cost initiatives to larger, higher cost long-term initiatives. In meeting this charge in a climate of fiscal constraint, the taskforce shall explore innovative ways in which to leverage resources and expertise toward accomplishing sustainability goals.

Background

The University of Colorado Denver has long held sustainability as a value to be pursued whenever possible. This belief led the university to couple its internal sustainability initiatives with outward public actions aimed at translating its beliefs into action in our community. Those public actions include:

- The University of Colorado Denver supported Gov. Bill Ritter's 2007 signing of the Greening of State Government Executive Orders. These orders established goals for reducing energy consumption in state facilities and fleets and for using efficient

materials and resources in construction. The Executive Orders also laid out tangible goals to be reached by 2012.

- The University of Colorado Denver was a signatory in 2007 on the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment which acknowledges the need for colleges and universities to lead the way in creating more sustainable communities. This commitment sets out specific goals and timelines for completion of initiatives.
- The University of Colorado Denver community in 2008 acknowledged the need for sustainability efforts when it developed its 2020 Strategic Plan, which includes among other strategic priorities the need to "secure the resources to achieve our vision, while being responsible stewards of those resources."

Summary of Taskforce Governance Structure

Membership: The Chancellor's Taskforce on Sustainability shall draw its membership from across the university community, but shall always include individuals from key constituencies including faculty and students as well as individuals with expertise in the areas required for the taskforce's work including sustainability, transportation, utilities and facilities.

Service: Terms of service on the taskforce shall be two years, and individuals shall be allowed to serve multiple consecutive terms.

Appointments: Individuals shall be appointed to the taskforce by the Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance and the Provost.

Governance Structure: The taskforce shall be chaired by the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Facilities. Subcommittees shall be formed as necessary for the purpose of developing recommendations for consideration by the full membership of the taskforce. Subcommittees may include individuals who are not members of the taskforce. The Assistance Vice Chancellor for Facilities shall be responsible for maintaining a sustainability website for UC Denver.

Annual Report: The taskforce shall present annually to the Chancellor a report updated the sustainability goals. The report shall also contain progress on initiatives from the previous year and proposed initiatives for the current year. This report should include all initiatives from across the spectrum of effort and should also detail new or enhanced university partnerships aimed at leveraging resources.

Procedures: The taskforce will meet at least quarterly. A formal agenda shall be prepared for each meeting. Minutes that include attendance shall be taken for each meeting and shall be

formally approved by the taskforce members. The taskforce shall approve the annual report by majority vote of the taskforce members in attendance at a meeting of the taskforce.