1. **Name of committee chairperson:** Jen Klug (Biology)

2. **Committee membership:**

   Jim Biardi (Biology), Michael Cavanaugh (Management), *Antonio Grau Sempere (Modern Languages and Literature), Jen Klug (Biology), Kraig Steffen (Chemistry), Michael Tucker (Finance), Arturo Jaras-Watts ’15, David Downie (ex-officio, director of the Program on the Environment, Paul Fitzgerald (ex-officio, SVPAA)

   *replaced by Carol Ann Davis (English) Fall 2012

   Jim Biardi, Michael Cavanaugh, Jen Klug, and Kraig Steffen were elected to serve on the Campus Sustainability Committee.

3. **Number of meetings attended by each committee member:**

   Biardi (5), Cavanaugh (5), Grau Sempere/Davis (6), Klug (6), Steffen (6), Tucker (6), Downie (5), Fitzgerald (3)

4. **Dates of meetings:**

   9/27/12, 11/5/12, 12/12/12 (joint meeting with Campus Sustainability Committee), 2/4/13, 3/25/13, 4/22/13

5. **List of principal topics considered by the committee**

   - Funding for sustainability initiatives on campus
   - Campus Sustainability Plan
   - CT Green Economy newsletter
   - Development of a sustainability internship program to facilitate implementation of the CSP
   - Scope and function of a future campus sustainability coordinator
   - Classes on campus that include sustainability as a component
   - Involvement of the FCS in campus building plans (including the Health Sciences building)

6. **List of the decisions taken by the committee – with lead in () if applicable**

   - Developed and presented “Sustainability at Fairfield” document for University Advancement (Downie)
   - Formally endorsed Dolan School of Business/MillerWalk CT Green Economy Report (Tucker/Cavanaugh)
   - Formally endorsed the draft of the Campus Sustainability Plan (Biardi)
   - Motion to call on appropriate personnel to communicate with the FCS on issues related to current and future building plans.

7. **Anticipated effects of these decisions**

   - Enhanced visibility for the varied new and ongoing academic initiatives with a sustainability emphasis at Fairfield
   - Increased communication among University Divisions related to the sustainability impacts of their activities and policies
   - Increased emphasis on sustainability as a criteria for decision-making within University Divisions
   - Increased support for student engagement in sustainability projects and research
   - Increased support for faculty research related to sustainability issues
8. Unfinished business
   Development of case statement for campus sustainability coordinator
   Continue surveying faculty to develop list of courses that contain aspects of environmental sustainability.
   Delineation of campus open space used in academic research and teaching (currently being worked on in the Land and Water Management Subcommittee of the Campus Sustainability Committee)
   Continue to work on building lines of communication among divisions regarding issues related to sustainability
   Continue to define relationship with Campus Sustainability Committee including more joint meetings

9. Future agenda items
   Monitor progress towards goals encapsulated in Campus Sustainability Plan
   Develop process by which Faculty Committee on Sustainability is kept up to date on building plans
   Development of Sustainability Internship program
   Report back to Academic Council regarding motions passed at the December 6, 2010 meeting.

Issues raised during presentation of this report at the May 2, 2013 General Faculty meeting for inclusion as agenda items next year.

Study on the use of the new Quick Center Parking Lot to assess whether it was needed
Health consequences of using artificial turf on the new Alumni Field
Discussion of University dog policy

Motions related to the Faculty Committee on Sustainability passed at the December 6, 2010 Academic Council meeting.

MOTION [Bayers/Garvey]: The Academic Council, recognizing the importance of a Campus Sustainability Plan (CSP), encourages the Campus Sustainability Committee to begin work on a CSP with the goal of having a draft of a CSP by May 2011.
MOTION Passes 14 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention.

MOTION [Tucker/Strauss]: In order to preserve areas of campus used for teaching and research, provide habitat for wildlife, and protect the aesthetic character of the campus, the Academic Council supports the designation of portions of the campus as protected areas, and encourages the Campus Sustainability Committee to act on recommendations previously provided by the ad hoc group of faculty concerned about the environment by designating such areas by May 2011.
MOTION Passes unanimously.