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MEMORANDUM

TO: Deans, Directors, and Department Heads

FROM: Warwick A. Arden, Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor
Charles D. Leffler, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration

SUBJECT: Sustainability Council

A campus-wide Sustainability Council is being established to propel NC State's sustainability efforts forward. Amplifying the momentum created by the current sustainability advisory committee, the Campus Environmental Sustainability Team (CEST), the new Council will seek to increase the participation of the NC State community and grow the engagement and integration of sustainability into NC State's teaching, learning and practice. This new Sustainability Council will guide the transition from the university's existing 2011-2016 Sustainability Strategic Plan (SSP) to the future 2017-2022 SSP. The Sustainability Council's charge is as follows:

- Serve as the advisory committee to the Provost and the Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration on sustainability.
- Advance sustainability coordination, collaboration and communication across NC State and bring together NC State's sustainability leaders.
- Enhance participatory decision-making and involvement in sustainability planning and activities.
- Infuse sustainability into academic curricula across the campus.
- Develop the Sustainability Strategic Plan for 2017-2022 and oversee its implementation.
- Provide monitoring, communication and accountability for adherence to the 2017-2022 Sustainability Strategic Plan.

Jack Colby, Chief Sustainability Officer and Assistant Vice Chancellor for Facilities Operations, and Dr. Stephen Kelley, Professor and Department Head of Forest Biomaterials, are appointed co-chairs of the new Sustainability Council. The Sustainability Council will consist of an eight-person Steering Committee and the membership of the five working groups as shown on the attached diagram. Once chairs of the working groups are appointed, any member of our campus or community can become involved with these groups.

Effective at the completion of the current SSP in 2016, the CEST will merge into the Sustainability Council and its members will have the opportunity to stay involved by opting into the Council's working group area that best represents an individual's interests and expertise.

We are asking the Council to complete the 2017-2022 SSP, including the opportunity for robust campus input and necessary campus approvals by spring 2017. More details about the Council and its progress will be at go.ncsu.edu/SustainabilityCouncil.

Attachment: 2017-2022 Sustainability Council Diagram

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