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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 4, 2018

TO: Committee on the Environment

FROM: Katherine Barnett, Sustainability and Special Programs

SUBJECT: Simply Sustainable Plan Updates

We would like to inform the Committee on the Environment about the current status of the Simply Sustainable Plan updates.

An internal stakeholder meeting has been scheduled for January 10, 2018, where we will discuss how we have incorporated the STAR communities rating system into our Simply Sustainable Plan recommendations. This will be the last internal stakeholder meeting before we begin to schedule community meetings to engage the public.

The Sustainability Department has also started working with a graduate student to assist with the updates and we will utilize this student to analyze data collected from an online survey, as well as, information collected during community meetings. After meeting with the graduate student we have discussed her role and plans to analyze the data; however, a formal proposal will take place early in the semester. Her research on the data will be concluded by the end of the semester which coincides with the timeline of the Simply Sustainable Plan updates.