During the spring, the SAC reviewed a proposal from the dining service provider, Chartwells, to designate Texas A&M University as a Fair Trade Campus.

According to Fair Trade USA, “Fair Trade USA enables sustainable development and community empowerment by cultivating a more equitable global trade model that benefits farmers, workers, consumers, industry and the earth. We achieve our mission by certifying and promoting Fair Trade products.”

To become a certified Fair Trade Campus, TAMU will be required to:

1. Form a Fair Trade Committee;
2. Make Fair Trade products available at every campus outlet that sells food;
3. Make Fair Trade products available at events and meetings;
4. Share information about Fair Trade on campus; and
5. Pass a Fair Trade Resolution.

The SAC unanimously voted to recommend that President Young sign the Fair Trade Campus Resolution.

President Young signed the resolution on August 10, 2017.

1. Oversee Sustainability Goals and Strategies to Incorporate Sustainability in all Areas of Campus

- TAMU achieved STARS Gold with a score of 66.93.
- The SAC supported the Office of Sustainability recommendation for the STARS 2017 Focus which included improving performance in the six credits in Figure 1.
- The SAC reviewed the 2016 Sustainability Highlights Report from the Office of Sustainability and recommended approval by President Young. The report was issued in March 2017.

| Sustainability Learning Outcomes | Sustainable Procurement | Sustainable Procurement |
| Incentives for Developing Courses | Electronic Purchasing | Waste Minimization & Diversion |
| Clean & Renewable Energy | Sustainable Procurement | Sustainable Procurement |

Figure 1: Performance opportunities for six credits
3. Oversee Sustainability Master Plan

- The current Sustainability Master Plan (SMP) was published in 2010.
- The SAC formed a Sub-Committee to review proposals for a SMP Update.
- The SAC agreed to reflect the United Nations’ Agenda 2030 Sustainable Development Goals in the update.
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SMP Update Working Groups began meeting in September 2017. The final plan is anticipated for March 2018. The ASG Timeline can be found in Figure 3.

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