

University of Wisconsin-Stout

Sustainability Committee

Committee/Team Name:	UW-Stout Environmental Sustainability Steering Committee
Sponsor:	Vice Chancellor for Administrative & Student Life Services
Purpose and Charge:	<p>Coordinate and facilitate the interests of students, faculty, and staff as well as the mandated actions by the federal and state government in the area of environmental sustainability, energy management, and storm water management.</p> <p>Definition: <b>Sustainability</b> is a characteristic of a process or state that can be maintained at a certain level indefinitely. Therefore, an environmentally sustainable institution is one that uses natural resources to meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs.</p>
Goals/Objectives:	<p>Develop and recommend an environmental sustainability action plan for UW-Stout. This includes strategies to move towards sustainable campus operations, encourage the incorporation of sustainability into the curriculum, and increase public awareness and participation in the plan.</p> <p>The steering committee will also incorporate a strategy to accomplish the Presidents Climate Commitment mandates.</p> <p>The plan will be recommended in whole or in part to the committee sponsor for action by the Chancellor and Chancellor's Advisory Council.</p> <p>When identifying sustainability strategies, the steering committee should consider how they fit into the following areas: strategies within the university's control and immediately achievable, strategies within the university's control and achievable in the long term, strategies outside the university's control and deserving of advocacy.</p>
Chairperson/Facilitator:	Environmental Sustainability Coordinator
Recorder:	Student Worker
Membership: (Membership is intended to represent the largest energy users and those with significant influence over energy usage. It is not intended to represent the campus population as a whole.) *Members are appointed to one year terms	<p><b>Steering Committee (12):</b>  GreenSense-1 rep  IRHC-1 rep  SSA-1 rep  Physical Plant-1 rep  Student Life Services-1 rep  Academic &amp; Student Affairs - 1 rep per college/school (4)  Faculty Senate-1 rep  Senate of Academic Staff-1 rep  Environmental Sustainability Coordinator</p>

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Consultants/Resource People:	<p>The steering committee will utilize subcommittees and the work of student organizations and administrative units.</p> <p>Resources may include: Campus Planner Purchasing Director Faculty experts in environmental sustainability Building supervisors</p>
Training/Information Needed:	<p>All committee members will need a common understanding of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The meaning of sustainability and the characteristics of a sustainable campus</li><li>• The opportunities and limitations UW-Stout faces in the move toward sustainability</li><li>• How other campuses have addressed this issue</li></ul> <p>Training to achieve these common understandings should occur early and may include meetings facilitated by environmental sustainability consultants, committee viewing of videos, assigned readings, presentations by experts in State and UW System policies and campus visits.</p>
Method of Communication:	Bi-weekly or monthly steering committee meetings, meeting minutes, website
Timeline:	