Sustainability Committee Charter

This Committee is an executive committee of Ohio University. The committee reviews, analyzes, prioritizes and recommends actions that will sustain the academic mission of Ohio University. The Provost, the Vice President for Finance and Administration, and the Vice President for Student Affairs chair the Committee jointly.

The Committee may review, analyze, prioritize and make recommendations on:

* The Ohio University Sustainability and Climate Action Plans and revisions processes;
* The organization and operation of Ohio University Sustainability sub-committees and Sustainability Hubs;
* Annual Sustainability reporting, both internal and external;
* New or revised policies and practices concerning the sustainability themes of climate, water, energy, solid waste, food, grounds, buildings, transportation, procurement, investments, student life, and human resources;
* Evaluation of decisions, policies and practices through the sustainability triple bottom line framework of simultaneous benefits to the economy, the environment and society;
* Evaluation of sustainability grant and award proposals.
* Other items as needed.

The Sustainability Committee makes its recommendations to the President and the Board of Trustees.

Composition

**All members are voting members except as noted below.**

*Chairpersons*: 3 (Provost, VPFA, VPSA)

*Faculty*:

* 1 Faculty Senate appointee
* 3 Sustainability Hub Coordinators\*
* 1 at-large faculty member

*Students:*

* 1 Graduate Senate appointee
* 2 Undergraduate Student Senate appointees

*Administrative staff:*

* 2 Deans or Dean representatives
* 1 Regional representative
* 1 Administrative Senate appointee
* 1 Director of Sustainability

*Classified staff:* 1 Classified Senate appointee

*Community:* 2 community members\*\*

\*Hub Coordinators may not vote on their own appointments or awards

\*\*Community members are non-voting members

19 Total members

All University committees follow the academic-year calendar. All students serve one-year terms. Faculty, staff and community members generally serve three-year terms; the year a committee member's term expires is shown to the right of the person's name.

**Charter unanimously approved by committee on 9/26/19**

**Unanimous approval of a Green Infrastructure Sub-committee on 4/16/20 (see addendum below)**

FY21 Committee Roster

*Chairpersons*:

* Elizabeth Sayrs
* Deb Shaffer
* Jason Pina/Jenny Hall Jones

*Faculty Senate appointee:*

* Ana Rosado Feger (Management Systems, COB) ‘22

*Faculty Hub Coordinators:*

* David Bayless (Mechanical Engineering, Russ College) ‘21
* Kim Thompson (Environmental and Plant Biology, CAS) ‘22
* Ryan Fogt (Geography, CAS) ‘22

*At large faculty member:*

* Nancy Manring (Political Science, CAS, former EECC chair) ‘22

*Graduate Student Senate appointee:*

* Aishat Tijani ‘21

*Undergraduate Student Senate appointees:*

* Elle Dickerman ‘21
* Allison Shryock ‘21

*Deans or Deans’ representatives:*

* Geoff Dabelko, Voinovich ‘22
* Tia Barrett, CHSP ‘22

*Regional representative:*

* Adam Riehl, Manager of Regional Higher Education Capital Improvements Planning & Director of Facilities Management, Southern ‘22

*Administrative Senate appointee:*

* Sam Crowl, Office of Sustainability ‘22

*Director of Sustainability:*

* Elaine Goetz

*Classified Senate appointee:*

* Heather Gould, Budget Planning & Analysis, ‘23

*Community Members:*

* Kelly Hatas, Executive Director, HAPCAP ‘22
* Carol Kuhre, Sugar Bush Board member ‘22

## **Addendum to charter, approved 4/16/20**

Green Infrastructure subcommittee to the Sustainability Committee

Description:

The Green Infrastructure subcommittee supports the goals of the Sustainability Committee and specifically the Sustainable Infrastructure Hub. The subcommittee promotes the use of campus green infrastructure for educational engagement and research by faculty and students, and proposes and reviews guidelines to ensure responsible research, data management, use and maintenance of campus green infrastructure.

Responsibilities

* Coordinate user management and engagement of green infrastructure
* Oversee research and data management of green infrastructure
* Review maintenance needs and ensure accountability for green infrastructure
* Attend meetings on at least a semi-annual basis
* Report to the Sustainability Committee at least once per year

Composition:

Membership will be determined by interest and level of research on the Schoonover Green Roof. Members will make a one to two-year commitment and participate in recruiting new members as needed.

* 4 Faculty representing at least 3 colleges and the Sustainable Infrastructure Hub Coordinator
* 2 students (1 graduate, 1 undergraduate)
* 1 administrator

2020 Membership:

* Kim Thompson, Arts & Science, Dept. of Environmental and Plant Biology faculty member
* Natalie Kruse Daniels, Voinovich School, Environmental Studies faculty member
* Amy Lynch, Arts & Science, Geography Department faculty member
* Dave Bayless, Russ College, Mechanical Engineering faculty member and Sustainable Infrastructure Hub Coordinator
* Elaine Goetz, Sustainability, administrator
* Alanis Rupprecht, Scripps College graduate student
* Johnny Murray, Russ College undergraduate student