

<p>Salisbury University Sustainability Committee Charter</p>
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1. Mission: Develop and maintain a sustainability program that promotes the use of environmentally sound development and management practices campus wide and incorporates sustainability in the delivery of instruction. Advise the President and Executive Staff in order to assure that the campus meets the objectives and commitments of the “American College and University Presidents’ Climate Commitment” that was signed by President Janet Dudley-Eshbach and which became effective January 2, 2008.
2. Scope: The scope of this project will include all programs, services, and facilities owned, operated or otherwise under the control of Salisbury University. SU affiliated organizations are also included within the scope of this project.

3. Objectives:

*Initiate the development of a comprehensive plan to achieve climate neutrality.*

- a. Within two months of signing the Climate Commitment Document create an institutional Sustainability Committee to guide the development and implementation of the plan.
- b. Within one year of signing this document, complete a comprehensive inventory of all greenhouse gas emissions including emissions from electricity, heating, commuting, and air travel and update the inventory every other year thereafter.
- c. Within two years of signing the Document, develop an institutional action plan for becoming climate neutral, which will include:
  - i. An earliest possible target date for achieving climate neutrality.
  - ii. Interim targets for goals and actions that will lead to climate neutrality.
  - iii. Actions that make climate neutrality and sustainability a part of the curriculum and other educational experiences for all students.
  - iv. Actions that expand research or other efforts that could contribute to achieving climate neutrality.
  - v. Mechanisms for tracking progress on achievement of goals and actions taken.



***Initiate two or more of the following tangible actions to reduce greenhouse gases while the more comprehensive plan is being developed. Other similar activities may be considered.***

- a. Establish a policy that all new campus construction will be built to at least the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED Silver standard or equivalent.
- b. Adopt an energy-efficient appliance purchasing policy requiring purchase of ENERGY STAR certified products in all areas for which such ratings exist.
- c. Establish a policy of offsetting all greenhouse gas emissions generated by air travel paid for by our institution.
- d. Encourage use of, and provide access to, public transportation for all faculty, staff, students and visitors at our institution.
- e. Within one year of signing the document, begin purchasing or producing at least 15% of our institution's electricity consumption from renewable sources.
- f. Participate in the Waste Minimization component of the national RecycleMania competition, and adopt 3 or more associated measures to reduce waste.

***Make the action plan, inventory, and periodic progress reports publicly available by providing them to the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) for posting and dissemination.***

4. Schedule:

- a. Establish the sustainability committee and conduct the first meeting - March 1, 2008
- b. Identify for implementation at least two tangible sustainability actions. - April 1, 2008
- c. Complete a comprehensive inventory of all green house gas emissions - January 1, 2009
- d. Develop an institutional action plan for becoming climate neutral - January 2010

5. Deliverables:

- a. Report and Recommendation on Tangible Action Selection to Executive Staff and President
- b. Green House Gas Inventory
- c. Climate Neutral Action Plan

6. Accountability: The Sustainability Committee is established by and reports to the President and the Executive Staff. The Committee is co-chaired by the Vice President of Administration and Finance and the Assistant to the President.

7. Resources:

- a. Staff and Faculty time and talent
- b. The American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC) organization. [www.presidentsclimatecommitment.org](http://www.presidentsclimatecommitment.org)
- c. Association for the Advancement of Sustainable Higher Education (AASHE). [www.aashe.org](http://www.aashe.org)
- d. Various sub-committees and working groups as needed

8. Team Members:

- Greig Mitchell – V.P. of Administration and Finance – Co – Chair
- Amy Hasson – Assistant to the President – Co-Chair  
Dean of the Henson School of Science and Technology
- One Representative – Faculty Senate
- One Representative – Staff Senate
- One Representative – Student Government Association
- Kevin Mann – Director of Physical Plant
- Jeffrey Downes – Director of Facilities Planning and Construction
- Wayne Shelton, Director of Environmental Health and Safety
- Joyce Falkinburg – Director of Purchasing and Contracting
- One Representative from the Student Affairs Division
- One Representative from the Provost and V.P. for Academic Affairs Division
- One Representative from the Institutional Advancement Division.