

**WMU Faculty Senate
Sustainability Committee
Charges for 2025-26**

In addition to its specific responsibilities the Sustainability charges the committee to consider, as a committee of the whole, the following:

1. Identify and map sustainability stakeholders on campus; and establish communication networks for collaboration and information sharing to support campus projects.
2. Develop sustainability metrics related to the objectives in the University Strategic Plan and Master Plan; review applicable policies and recommend sustainability guidelines.
3. Provide a framework that campus agencies may use as benchmarks in making sustainable planning decisions related to infrastructure, construction, transportation, and land and water management projects.
4. Collaborate with project managers and clients to consider sustainability goals during planning for major capital projects, including renovations or new construction, transportation, and infrastructure. Areas of input may include carbon emissions, biodiversity, land and water management, and aesthetics.
5. Conduct special studies at the request of the Faculty Senate Executive Board and the Campus Planning and Finance Council.
6. At the annual March WMU Essential Studies Course Review and Approval Committee meeting, review the draft year-end report to be submitted to the WMU Essential Studies Executive Advisory Committee, by the committee chair no later than 30 April.

NOTE: The Sustainability Committee will seek information from the Campus Planning and Finance Council and any administrative office to maintain communications with that council or office on issues directly related to it. Committee recommendations are to be submitted to the Campus Planning and Finance Council in the form of a memorandum of action (MOA) on which the recommendation(s) is/are stated. Any draft MOAs requested by the either the WMU Essential Studies Executive Advisory Committee or the Executive Board should be submitted using the MOA template.

The Sustainability Committee chairperson shall provide a written report of the committee's accomplishments and progress for the year; to the chair of the Campus Planning and Finance Council, including a list of the above charges noting each item's progress and current status; any other activities undertaken; and draft charges for the 2026-27 academic year, no later than 30 April 2026.