

Carbon Neutrality Task Force Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 8, 2023

Members: Gavin Leach, Randy Klitzke, Cindy Paavola, Kathy Richards, Brandon Sager, Jim Thams, Jes Thompson.

Absent/Excused: Mike Bath, Sarah Mittlefehldt,

1. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve minutes from April 15, 2022 was made by Cindy Paavola, seconded by Jim Thams. Motion carried.
2. The first draft of the carbon neutrality plan was reviewed. Suggestions were as follows:
 - a. Add a "Draft" watermark across each page.
 - b. Revise plan format to match that of the Interim Strategic Plan with strategies and tactics.
 - c. Show potential initiatives in a table/grid format and include estimated cost, potential emissions reduction and any co-benefits.
 - d. Show past accomplishments/milestones in a timeline format.
 - e. Categorize the potential initiatives into four pathways to neutrality:
 - i. Energy Use Mitigation
 - ii. Infrastructure-Renewable Energy
 - iii. Right Size Campus
 - ix. Renovating Right
 - f. Academic Engagement would be a value, not a pathway as it is hard to measure and rely upon.
 - g. Consider including divestment language that reflects the university's investment strategies.
3. The schedule goals are to have a draft plan to share with the Board of Trustees at their July retreat and then an update draft to share with campus at the start of Fall semester. The final plan would be presented to the Board of Trustees for their approval at their December Board meeting.
4. Agreed that at least an 85% emissions reduction does meet the 2050 carbon neutrality goal and that the carbon neutrality plan will be a living document that will continue to be updated to consider new technology as they develop over the years.
5. Suggestion was made to share the draft plan with the alternative energy student group for feedback along with Engineering Technology faculty.
6. Next meeting will be in early June to review the updated draft of the carbon neutrality plan based on noted suggestions.