



**McMaster Sustainability Advisory Committee
Monday, March 13, 2023 | 11am - 12pm**

Chair: Kate Whalen

Item	Lead	Time
1. Leadership & Vision <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Implement the strategy and recognize achievements.○ Be engaged in acting as sustainability stewards.○ Empower its community, including teams and individuals, to advance sustainability efforts across the university.○ Provide the Office of Sustainability Resources to Facilitate this Work○ Initiative: Environmentalist of the Year Award	Kate Whalen Wayne Terryberry	15 minutes
2. Communications <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Sharing sustainability-related policies and standards across the university○ Update of Sustainable Procurement Policy	Kate Whalen Angelo Dilettera	15 minutes
3. Strategic Partnership and Continued Engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Expand and leverage partnerships in the community and across the university.○ Explore various models to engage our community and partners in our sustainability initiatives.○ Partner with students and include the student voice.○ Continue to engage diverse communities in sustainability decision making.○ Initiative: SDG Week Student Pitch Competition	Kate Whalen Lalita, Carlos, Lynne, Chris,	15 minutes

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Student Career Fair 	Liana, Chef Randal	
<p>4. Learning and Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Foster behavioural changes across the university that encourage a sustainability-minded lifestyle. ○ Initiative: Access Tech Champions program. 	Kate Whalen	15 minutes

Lalita announced that the new Director of Sustainability, Dave Cano, is starting on Monday, March 20. He will be involved in the Sustainability Report, which will come out some time in October. He will be a part of the Facilities department, reporting to Debbie Martin.

Leadership & Vision

Environmentalist of the Year Award – Hoping for a Fall awards ceremony on campus, with community and campus leaders in attendance. There will be a Team award, Youth award and Community Based Project award. Campus projects can also be submitted. Looking to align with vision to recognize leaders. Need to have the website, nominations open, list of criteria, Daily News stories, judges in place by June.

Communications

Need to connect with Debbie and Saher on an update on the Sustainability Policy. The new Director should be included in these updates. Should have a better sense of the timing at the next MSAC meeting. Dee suggested taking stock of all the sustainability-related policies and determining if they should be stand-alone policies or if they should be amalgamated, outside of procurement and investing which are governed by different processes.

Sustainable Procurement – there is a draft policy, looking at most recent best practices from Ontario and Canadian schools who were ranked highest on SDG 12.

Strategic Partnership & Continued Engagement

Were initially going to use SDG Week as part of Communications, however looking at the descriptions it seems more appropriate in this objective. SDG Week is a national initiative to promote and amplify the SDGS in higher education. At Mac, a Pitch Competition was held for University challenge, City Challenge and International Challenge. Info night with 80 plus students. There were 7 spots in each category, and they were all full within a minute and a half of registration.

Need another initiative for this drive. Could be annual port? Could be Career Fair. Employers need to identify if they have sustainability focused jobs, international company, offer diversity recruitment teams. Should we bring back the Green Jobs networking event where professionals talk to students?



Learning & Development

Earlier this year had Composting Champions Program and are working on expanding it to include Access Tech, Community Friday Champions and bringing back Sustainability Ambassadors. There were 40 departmental ambassadors from across campus and it was very effective. It may be the same people volunteering to be ambassadors for many things. Will need to ensure that staff are not working too hard at too many committees/ambassadors. Student Sustainable Ambassador program is already running. The Staff and Faculty Ambassador program was people who are passionate in each department. Upon volunteering, can we ask if they are volunteering in any other program at the moment? Can we ask Saheer to ask HR who is volunteering for other programs?

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