



**The Ohio State University  
President and Provost's Council on Sustainability  
Committee Charter**

**Ohio State Sustainability Strategic Vision**

Ohio State is recognized as a world leader in developing durable solutions to the pressing challenges of sustainability and in evolving a culture of sustainability through collaborative teaching, pioneering research, comprehensive outreach and innovative operations, practices and policies.

**PPCS Mission**

The President and Provost's Council on Sustainability (PPCS) provides strategic review and advice on issues related to the integration of sustainable practices, programs, and projects across the four institution-wide goals fundamental to Ohio State's mission and future success: Teaching and Learning, Research and Innovation, Outreach and Engagement, and Resource Stewardship.

**Responsibilities**

To accomplish this mission the PPCS will:

- Promote Ohio State's sustainability vision and its successes throughout the university.
- Develop, recommend and maintain institutional sustainability goals for adoption.
- Interact with an organized group of external sustainability advisors.
- Periodically review Ohio State's sustainability profile and progress toward achievement of university goals.
- Advise on the use of the Ohio State Sustainability Fund.
- Interact with and seek input from the broadest possible audience in the university in order to advise on matters pertaining to sustainable practices, culture, formulation of university policies and integration of sustainability with existing campus programs in teaching and learning, research and innovation, outreach and engagement, and resource stewardship.
- Identify gaps in resources and programs that impede the successful integration of sustainability and attainment of our goals at Ohio State.

**PPCS - Operational Guidelines**

**Council Membership**

- The council shall consist of a maximum of 20 members.
- The council's composition is intended to bring together the diverse perspectives of major stakeholder groups, including students, faculty and staff.





- The council is not a policy or rulemaking body and thus is expected to arrive at its recommendations by sense of the body rather than consensus or vote.
- Membership is comprised of both permanent members and members with specific terms.
- All members, other than the two subject matter experts and at large faculty members, may appoint designees.
- All designees will be appointed at will by the member.

**20 Council Members:**

***Chair – 1 Permanent Position***

1. Executive Director, Sustainability Institute [permanent]  
*Serves at will of President and Provost*

***3 Students - 3 Term Positions***

2. President of the Inter-Professional Council [one-year term]
3. President Council of Graduate Students [one-year term]
4. President of Undergraduate Student Government [one-year term]

***Faculty Appointments - 5 Term Positions***

5. University Senate Faculty Council Chair [one-year term]
6. University Senate Faculty Council on the Physical Environment Chair\*\*\* [one-year term]
7. Regional Campus faculty member (designated by OAA) [two-year term]
8. At Large Faculty member (designated by OAA) [two-year term]
9. At Large Faculty member (designated by OAA) [two-year term]
10. At Large Faculty member (designated by OAA) [two-year term]

***Subject Matter Experts – 2 Permanent Positions***

11. Assoc. VP Facilities Operations and Development [permanent]
12. Senior Administrative Director, Operations Facilities Support [permanent]

***Senior Leaders - 7 Permanent Positions***

13. Senior Vice President for Administration and Planning [permanent]
14. Vice President for Athletics [permanent]
15. Senior Vice President for Business and Finance [permanent]
16. Senior Vice President for University Communications [permanent]
17. Executive Vice President of Health Sciences [permanent]
18. Vice President for Research [permanent]
19. Vice President for Student Life [permanent]
20. Vice President for Outreach and Engagement\*\* [permanent]

\*\*Proposed as new member starting January 1, 2016

\*\*\*Proposed as new member starting August 1, 2018





**Advisory Sub-committees**

- The PPCS may organize standing, ad hoc, and/or special purpose subcommittees from within the university population.
- Sub-committees must be chaired by a PPCS member or someone designated by a member.
- Reports and recommendations of a sub-committee will be brought to the PPCS by the respective sub-committee chair.

**Meetings**

- The council will meet bi-monthly during the academic calendar year.
- The Chair will provide a minimum of two (2) weeks advanced notice of meetings schedules, but may call special meetings with shorter notice when issues of urgency make it necessary.
- Members may be asked to participate in sub-committees or task forces.
- Members should strive to act as the representative of the constituency from which they are appointed while acting in the best interests of the university and using their best personal and professional judgment.
- Members are asked to make their best effort to attend each meeting or send a designee with the authority to represent and speak as the member.
- Members will inform the Chair when unable to attend meetings and who will be attending on their behalf. Ideally this notice will be given at least a week in advance of meetings.

**PPCS Communications**

- Requests for agenda items and other suggestions by PPCS members should be directed to the Chair for consideration.
- Members wishing to submit agenda items are asked to notify the Chair at least two (2) weeks before a scheduled meeting.
- PPCS members are encouraged to inform the university community that requests for involvement, support, policy change, funding or presentations should be sent to [energy.environment@osu.edu](mailto:energy.environment@osu.edu)

