

Concordia University Sustainability Governance Framework

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President's Executive Group (PEG)

Sustainability Steering Committee

(Meets at least twice a year)

Membership:

Chair: VP Services

VP Advancement & External Relations, Provost and VP Academic Affairs, VP Research & Graduate Studies, Chief Communications Officer, Student Reps (2), FT Faculty or Library Rep (1), Staff Rep (2)

Key Functions:

Conducts strategic planning and develops recommendations with respect to policy and plans, including resource allocations and reporting

Operational and Environmental Sustainability Sub-Committee

Chair: VP Services

Key Functions:

Advises on energy and resource management, environmental sustainability, and environmental safety

Campus Sustainability Engagement Sub-Committee

Chair: Chief Communications Officer

Key Functions:

Promotes both the engagement within the university community and the coordination of internal sustainability initiatives and activities

Teaching, Learning and Research Sustainability Sub-Committee

Co-Chairs: Provost & FT Faculty Member

Key Functions:

Advises and promotes teaching, learning and research sustainability activities

Concordia University Definition of Sustainability:

Sustainability at Concordia is a mindset and a process that leads to reducing our ecological footprint and enhancing social well-being while maintaining economic viability both on and off campus.

The process of sustainability is developed through a governance system based on shared vision and responsibility that fulfills Concordia's current needs without compromising the needs of future generations.

To be sustainable in our decisions and activities is to take a long-term perspective, recognize resource capacities and balance the interconnected nature of our environment, society and economy.