

Ad Hoc Committee on the OSU Carbon Commitment

Committee Charge

Rationale

Succeeding at the objectives set by the *American College and University Presidents' Carbon Commitment*, signed by President Ed Ray in 2007, requires action and collaboration by all parts of Oregon State University (OSU). The *Ad Hoc Committee on the OSU Carbon Commitment* provides faculty leadership in order to support effective engagement by all faculty and their home units.

Objectives

1. Conduct an annual assessment of the current status at OSU of meeting the goals of the *American College and University Presidents' Carbon Commitment* (the OSU Carbon Commitment).
2. Seek and gather data, in collaboration with the OSU Sustainability Office, relating to the state of progress towards the goals of the OSU Carbon Commitment.
3. Support the OSU Sustainability Office in advancing towards the objectives of the OSU Carbon Commitment.
4. Develop recommendations for advancing the objectives of the OSU Carbon Commitment at OSU.
5. Inform the OSU community of OSU's carbon neutral status.

Deliverables

1. Present an annual report to the Faculty Senate on the status of the *2025 American College and University Presidents' Carbon Commitment* at OSU with recommendations for improvement.
2. Send the annual report to the OSU Board of Trustees, the OSU President, the OSU Provost, and the Deans of OSU colleges.
3. Communicate findings of the annual assessment to the OSU community at large.

Timeline

- 11.15.2018 Convene Ad Hoc Committee on OSU Carbon Commitment.
01.30.2026 Ad Hoc Committee on the OSU Carbon Commitment Final Report.
01.30.2026 Dissolve Ad Hoc Committee on OSU Carbon Commitment.

Members

Chair: Faculty Senate President or designee.

One faculty member from each Faculty Senate Apportionment Unit drawing from members of the academic, research, and administrative units that each Faculty Senate Apportionment Unit represents. Members of the Ad Hoc Committee on the OSU Carbon Commitment need not be Senators. Senators from each apportionment unit will nominate and elect by majority vote a committee member in a process managed by the Ad Hoc Committee on the OSU Carbon Commitment Chair.

One member from the OSU Foundation.

One member from the OSU classified staff.

One member from the OSU Sustainability Office.

One member from the United Academics of Oregon State University leadership.

One member from the Associated Students of Oregon State University (ASOSU).

Members may serve for the life of the committee. Members may be replaced as needed by the Committee Chair in consultation with the Committee.

Sources

The Presidents' Carbon Leadership Commitments

<https://secondnature.org/wp-content/uploads/Carbon-Commitment-2017-Second-Nature.pdf>