

Climate Action, Sustainability, and Energy Committee

2024-2025 Members

CHARGE: To provide guidance to the university administration on implementation of the university's Climate Action Commitment and opportunities to enhance Virginia Tech's pursuit of environmental quality and social sustainability. The committee makes recommendations regarding the application of policies; infrastructural and operational changes; educational strategies and modifications; and other steps intended to foster broad engagement with the university's environmental goals. The committee oversees subcommittees that each carry out aspects of the committee's charge.

Reports to: University Council Cabinet.

Chair – President will appoint annually from among members of the committee

Nathan King	Chair	2025
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Ex Officio (By virtue of position)

Dwyn Taylor	Vice President for Facilities and Chief Facilities Officer	ex officio
Simon Allen	Vice President for Finance	ex officio
Nam Nguyen	Designee of the Assistant Vice President for Infrastructure & Sustainability	ex officio
Liza Morris	Assistant Vice President for Planning & University Architect	ex officio
Emily Williams	Sustainability Manager, Dining Services, Housing & Residence Life or designee	ex officio
Nathan King	Designee of the Director, Climate Action, Sustainability, and Energy	ex officio
Carrie Cox	Senior Director of Auxiliary Services	ex officio

Four representatives from Facilities selected by the Vice President for Facilities and Chief Facilities Officer

Matt Stolte	Director of Engineering Operations	2025
Teresa Sweeney	Waste and Recycling Manager	2025
Paul Ely	Capital Construction	2027
Meghan Marsh	Facilities Communications	2026

One representative from Virginia Tech Environmental Health & Safety Services selected by the Associate Vice President for Public Safety

Autumn Timpano	Environmental Health and Safety	2025
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Four faculty representatives elected by the Faculty Senate

Joshua Clemons	Mathematics	2026
Zhou Fu	School of Neurosciences	2025
Wesley Gwaltney	Agriculture Technology	2025
Irene Leech	Apparel Housing and Resource Management	2027

Two A/P faculty representatives elected by the A/P Faculty Senate

Julie McClafferty	Virginia Tech Transportation Institute (VTTI)	2027
Annie Lawrence	Mining and Minerals Engineering	2025

Two staff representatives elected by the Staff Senate

Pat Donovan	School of Plant and Environmental Sciences	2025
Diane Bonsall	Office of the VP for Finance	2025

One dean selected by the Council of College Deans

Paul Winistorfer	Natural Resources and Environment	2026
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Two graduate and professional student representatives elected by the Graduate and Professional Student Senate

Felicity Bilow	Engineering Education	2025
Allison Tobar	Psychology	2025

Two undergraduate student representatives elected by the Undergraduate Student Senate

Ava Garrity	Political Science	2025
Zoe Caran	Environmental Conservation and Society	2025

One representative from the Provost's Office

Leslie Stevens	Faculty Affairs	2025
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One representative from Student Affairs

Andrew Dolbin-MacNab	Office for Learning Partnership	2027
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One representative from Student Engagement and Campus Life

Kendra Paisley	Student Engagement and Campus Life	2026
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Two representatives from student organizations with an environmental focus (appointments provided by the committee chair)

Sushant Dahal	Forest Products	2025
Catherine Shewchuk	Environmental Policy and Planning	2025

Two representatives from frontline community groups (appointments provided by the committee chair)(one student and one employee)

Yohan Sequeira	Engineering Mechanics	2025
Mae Hey	History Department	2025