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Sustainability Action Plan: Annual ProgressINFORMATION

This item is for information only. The inaugural tri-campus Sustainability Action Plan was delivered in July 2020. This is an annual update of progress on the plan.

BACKGROUND

Since establishing the UW Climate Action Plan in 2009, the University has made good progress with regard to reducing its carbon footprint and institutionalizing sustainability principles. However, even as a three-time gold-rated university, recognized by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE), our work is not done. We have opportunities to improve our sustainability performance and deliver on actionable goals that involve all campuses.

The Sustainability Action Plan is built on five Guiding Principles addressing student learning outcomes, research impact, diversity, equity & inclusion, responsible use of our resources, and of course, decarbonization of our energy sources. The Sustainability Action Plan balances our goals with the University's overall priorities to ensure we can execute these actions in a measurable manner. As such, we track and monitor on a regular basis and update annually.

Attachment

Sustainability Action Plan Annual Progress: Mandates imperatives and UW commitments