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Sustainability Planning-Process Overview

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HOW DOES SUSTAINABILITY ADVANCE THE CORE MISSION OF MACALESTER?						
	1. Capacity Building	2. Vision and Obstacles	3. Data Collection & Stakeholder Input	4. Strategic Directions	5. Implementation	2009+
Planning Team	Advisory Committee Launch Meeting (10/7)	Mtg 1: Emergent Vision of Sustainability: Whitepaper: "What does sustainability mean to Macalester College?" (10/13) Mtg. 2: Practical Vision: "What do we want to see in place at Macalester College in the next 2-3 years to advance our vision for sustainability?" (~11/1) [Advisory Committee Review (11/4)] Mtg 3: Obstacles: "What prevents us from achieving this Practical Vision?" (11/19) [Advisory Committee Review (12/2)]	Mtg 4: Data Review Planning Team incorporates input from stakeholder data collection (~2/1) Mtg 5: Data Review Review data from Data Team and Enviro Studies Sr. Seminar (~2/15) Whitepaper v2 released (~2/15)	Mtg 6: Strategic Directions "What are innovative, substantial actions that we can commit to eliminate the obstacles and advance our practical vision?" (~2/28) Establish short and long term priorities (~2/28)	Process TBD: "How are we going to get this done? Who is going to do what?" (~3/15) Advisory Committee emerges from Planning Team	Finalize Whitepaper & Sustainability Statement
Mac	Communications Plan Launched (9/26)	Stakeholder Groups: How does sustainability advance the core mission? Whitepaper feedback (10/13) Global Food Day (10/16) Campus Sustainability Day (10/22)	Focus the Nation: Global Warming (2/5)	IGC Building Opening (~May 09)	Student and other projects launched/continued Earth Day (4/22)	
DT/FT	Facilitation Team (FT) Launched and Trained (9/30)	Data Team (DT) Launched (~11/1) FT: Stakeholder data synthesis (~12/1)	DT: Trends analysis and Data collection launched (~11/1)		FT: Facilitation Team: Launch Implementation Cycle	
Courses	EXCO: Participatory Leadership (9/24)		Enviro Studies Senior Seminar: Benchmarks, Solution for climate neutrality	Enviro Studies Senior Seminar recommendations		
Leadership	Review by Senior Admin (10/6)	Review by Senior Admin (11/17)		Review by Senior Admin (~3/10)	TBD	Climate Neutrality Date Announced Finalize Sustainability Plan.
	Sept-Oct- 08	Oct- Nov 08	Sept 08-Feb 09	Feb 09	Mar 09	

Results of Sustainability Planning Process

- Articulated vision of what sustainability means and what Macalester wants to accomplish in the next 2-3 years
- Articulated short and long term priorities
- Increase support and buy-in from the Macalester community
- Increased capacity of Macalester staff and student volunteers to design and facilitate participatory processes
- Alignment of student and other projects with important sustainability efforts at Macalester
- Climate neutrality planning and commitments integrated into other sustainability plans and efforts
- Satisfy planning requirements for Presidents Climate Commitment.

Senior Administration Team:

The main role of the Senior Administration Team is to help position the project for success. This team helps develop opportunities and resources to support the process. It helps align the process with strategic efforts and priorities within Macalester. The Senior Administration Team represents the multiple critical perspectives needed to lead the process into successful implementation. This Team helps craft a process they have confidence in and can champion, to allow the Planning Team the opportunity to do its work. In addition, this team is the primary liaison to the Board of Trustees.

Membership: President Rosenberg, David Wheaton, other senior administration

Planning Team:

The Planning Team is responsible for implementing the planning processes. While the Senior Administration Team focuses on the process ensuring that it aligns with other efforts at the college, the Planning Team's focus is on the content of planning. The Planning Team is composed of many of the same people who will actually implement the plan.

As the Planning Team enters the Implementation Phase, the Office of Sustainability **Advisory Committee** emerges to coordinate and lead Implementation. In the beginning of the process the Advisory Committee meets to constitute itself and to prepare to host the planning process. The Advisory Committee are the internal and long-term champions of the work.

Membership: Suzanne Savanick Hansen (Lead), Jonathan Bucki (Facilitation), up to 30 people.

Key Planning Team Meetings

- 10/7 1:30-2:30pm Campus Center 210 (Advisory Committee)
- 10/13 2:30-4:30pm Location TBD
- ~11/1 (3 hours) TBD
- 11/4 1:30-2:30pm Campus Center 210 (Advisory Committee)
- 11/19 2:00-5:00pm Location TBD
- 12/2 1:30-2:30pm Campus Center 210 (Advisory Committee)