

Resolution to Create Faculty Senate Sustainability Committee

WHEREAS, the Faculty Constitution authorizes the Faculty Senate, by resolution, to establish special committees, and

WHEREAS, issues of sustainability, environmental impact, resources, and the teaching and research of all those areas are important to the overall success of West Virginia University and the faculty thereof, and

WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate seeks to assist the University in assessing our environmental impact, and through our teaching and research work towards an understanding of environmental issues, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate Sustainability Committee is created as a special committee for the 2019 - 2020 academic year, unless sooner altered or terminated by resolution of the Faculty Senate, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate Sustainability Committee shall present a report to the Faculty Senate no less than annually, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate Sustainability Committee be charged with undertaking the following set of actions

- (1) Provide support and assistance to the WVU Office of Sustainability, especially with regard to WVU's sustainability plans and goals.
- (2) Survey faculty with regard to both teaching and research being done at WVU that has relevance to sustainability issues; consider building a database of faculty teaching and research that would allow faculty and staff to communicate with each other on sustainability issues.
- (3) Per a request from WVU's Office of Sustainability, survey the faculty to find out what courses utilize the campus environment in their teaching, as this would give different academic programs a step forward in showing students the full portfolio of sustainability curriculum WVU offers
- (4) Consider the resources necessary to do a carbon-audit of WVU, with respect to our sustainability practices
- (5) Evaluate periodically national trends and report on best practices related to sustainability in teaching and research, and make recommendations to appropriate University bodies including the Office of the Provost, the Teaching and Learning Commons, and other Centers, Colleges, Schools and programs affiliated with the University;

- (6) Report on systems and mechanism that provide support to faculty who engage in research and scholarship on issues related to sustainability
- (7) Address in a timely fashion other issues pertinent to the charge of the committee.