

Minnesota State University, Mankato
Environmental Committee - University Wide Standing Committee

Mandate Reference

Creation of this university-wide committee was authorized by President Richard Davenport following a September 2011 review by the President’s Cabinet after consultation through the Meet & Confer process with campus collective bargaining units and the Student Association. (Of five strategic action steps within the University’s *Strategic Plan 2010-2015* <http://www.mnsu.edu/strategicplan/>, the Environmental Committee is referenced in **#4 Reininvigorate our physical home and build the campus of the future.**)

Committee Charge

Advise the University President and the University Community on environmental friendly practices and sustainable facilities and practices. Work toward an environmentally progressive campus where a community consciousness is promoted dealing with energy use and savings, recycling, and reducing items that might otherwise end up in a landfill. (Sustainability refers to societal efforts that meet the needs of present users without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.) Implement expectations affecting the Environmental Committee contained in the *Strategic Plan 2010-2015*, cited herein:

Strategic Plan 2010-2015 <http://www.mnsu.edu/strategicplan/>

Item #4. Reininvigorate our physical home and build the campus of the future.

<http://www.mnsu.edu/strategicplan/future.html>

Goal 1. Create a campus culture supporting energy efficiency, resource conservation and sustainability.

Objective A. Create a campus sustainability policy and support network.

Item 2. Maintain a campus Environmental Committee.

Objective B. Develop a three year plan to enhance a complete culture of energy conscious behavior and sustainable lifestyle.

Item 2. Through the Environmental Committee, sponsor events and forums with a sustainability focus that also includes opportunities to solicit community input.

Reporting Relationship

The Environmental Committee reports to the University President through the Vice President for Finance and Administration (or designee). As a University-wide advisory panel, recommendations adopted by the Environmental Committee, depending on their scope and topical area, may be referred by the Administration to the Meet & Confer consultative process to ensure the broadest feedback and input from the campus community.

Membership – Regular Members

	Type	Term	Term Expires	Constituency	Appointing Authority
1.	Student	One Year	Ends Sept. 1	Student Body	Student Association President
2.	Student	One Year	Ends Sept. 1	Student Body	Student Association President
3.	Student	One Year	Ends Sept. 1	Student Senate	Student Association President
4.	Employee	Two Years	Ends Sept. 1	MAPE	MAPE President
5.	Employee	Two Years	Ends Sept. 1	AFSCME Local 638	AFSCME Local 638 President
6.	Employee	Two Years	Ends Sept. 1	IFO Faculty Association	Faculty Association President
7.	Employee	Two Years	Ends Sept. 1	IFO Faculty Association	Faculty Association President
8.	Employee	Two Years	Ends Sept. 1	MSUAASF	MSUAASF President

9.	Employee	Two Years	Ends Sept. 1	Middle Mgmt. Assn. (MMA)	MMA President
10.	Retiree	Two Years	Ends Sept. 1	Emeriti Faculty	Environmental Committee
11.	Ex-officio, Nonvoting	On-going	On-going	Facilities Management	Assistant Vice President for Facilities Management

Membership – Alternate Members

An alternate may be appointed for each voting member and shall be appointed using the same process as the regular member affected. Alternates can attend meetings but can only vote when a regular member from their constituency is absent.

Organization

- Two committee co-chairs shall be elected in October by and from among the ten regular voting committee members. One of the co-chairs shall be a student. The secretary shall be the Facilities Management representative (or designee).
- The committee shall meet at least five times within twelve months between Sept.1st and Aug.31st.
- Staff assistance shall be provided by Facilities Management
- A website location shall be maintained on the University website to disseminate committee information. (See this website: <http://www.mnsu.edu/greencampus/>)