

MINUTES

Climate Action, Sustainability, and Energy Committee

April 27th, 2026

2:00 PM

Newman Library, Room 101S or Zoom

Present: Nathan King (presiding), Dwyn Taylor, Ian Dunbar for Kendra Paisley, Nick Woods for Simon Allen, Ryan Zekra, Emily Williams, Sheree Andrews, Alp Tural, Julie McClafferty, Megan Marsh, Liza Morris, Matt Stolte, Susan Gill, Saskia van de Gevel, Lydia Patton, Ken Belcher, Carrie Cox, Teresa Sweeney, Nam Nguyen, Jennifer Walters, Irene Leech, Ella Jackson,

Absent with Notice: Kyle White, Joshua Clemons, Grey Kieffer, Sean Kenny

Absent: Kirsten Dean, Rumana Rani, Saswat Gautam, Arturo Soriano, Nicci Ratcliff, Yohan Sequeira

Guests: Kristina Cook, Emily Vollmer, Yugasha Bakshi, Han Nugyen, Jen Million, Annie Lawrence, Rachael Budowle, S.B. Chandler, Nathan Li, Morgan Ralph, Patrick Hilt, Karen Martens, Adia Long, Scott Kerklo, Eric Wiseman, Kiara Winans, Charul Agrawal, Emily Satterwhite, Javad Torabinejad, Cody Kiefer, Shayan Choudry, Jim Hillman, Chris Gyurisin, Sean McGinnis, Nick Quint, Ron Meyers

Nathan King called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. A quorum was present.

1. Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

2. Approval or Announcement of approval and posting of minutes of March 23, 2026

Nathan King noted that these minutes have been voted on electronically and can be publicly accessed on the [Governance Website](#)

3. Presentation

Nathan King, Campus Sustainability Manager, presented an overview of the CAC assessment process and timeline.

Jim Hillman, Chief of Staff for Division of Finance, presented on 2025 CAC Assessment Process Goal 14 – Develop innovative budgeting and financing mechanisms to generate funding and staffing to achieve Climate Action Commitment goals.

Reed Nagel, Assistant Vice President of Finance, presented on 2025 CAC Assessment Process Goal 8 – Establish the sustainable procurement policy and procedures by 2022.

Cody Kiefer, Director of Grounds, presented on 2025 CAC Assessment Process Goal 6 – Agricultural, forestry and land use operations will be carbon neutral by 2030.

Nathan King, Campus Sustainability Manager, presented an overview of the CAC assessment next steps, including an outline and timeline of the assessment report.

4. Other Items

- Question on Goal 6 – What are the next steps for designing and implementing solar farms on agricultural lands? Are there financing and ownership plans currently in place?
- Question on Goal 8 – How can we quantify the impact of establishing sustainable procurement policies and procedures? Would it be through demonstrating the portion of energy use or greenhouse gas emissions that have reduced?
- Question on Goal 14 – Should projects driven by grants, faculty, and students be included in our evaluation, or should we prioritize larger-scale implementations for savings—and if so, how can we encourage or reward faculty and staff contributions?
- Question on Goal 14 – Who is taking the leadership on Goal 14 in the Division of Finance?
- Question on Goal 14 – What are the limitations of taking on projects with a payback period longer than 5 years?
- Question on CAC Assessment – When will the Board of Visitors be engaged in the assessment process?

5. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:01 pm.