

2018/19 Sustainability Committee Members and Goals

Vision and Purpose of the New Committee Structure

Aquinas has developed a transformation plan for sustainability using Mitch Thomashow's "Nine Elements of a Sustainable Campus" (2013) as a framework focused on the themes of Learning, Infrastructure and Community. Through this transformation, we will realize Peter Wege's desire for Aquinas to emerge as the best Catholic liberal arts college in the nation, incorporating the principles (the six "Es") of Economicology – Economics, Environment, Ecology, Ethics, Empathy and Education. Dr. Thomashow's framework was used to organize a pilot structure of the committees, with three specific goals.

- I. **LEARNING** (curriculum, interpretation, and campus aesthetic): Aquinas College is an intellectual incubator integrating the Catholic Dominican tradition and the Economicology framework.
- II. **COMMUNITY** (governance, investment, and wellness): Demonstrating the relevancy and currency of the liberal arts, Aquinas students and faculty lead change to address contemporary human and ecological issues.
- III. **INFRASTRUCTURE** (energy, food, and materials): Aquinas College is a living lab of sustainable practices.

Notes: Individuals in Green are new to the committee in 2018/19.

LEARNING Sustainability Committee

Members:

- *Dr. Steve Barrows (Co-Chair, Cabinet Member)*
- *Mandy Rodgers (Co-Chair- Elected from Committee)*
- *Jessica Eimer Bowen (Ex-officio, Director of Sustainability)*
- *Sister Damien Marie Savino (Ex-officio, Dean of Science and Sustainability, Provost's Designee)*
- *Mary Clinthorne (Faculty, exp 2019)*
- Mandy Rodgers (Staff, Previous Co-Chair, 1st term, exp 2019)
- Morgan Churchwell (Staff, 1st term, exp 2019)
- *Savian Tuggle (Student)*
- Dana VanHuis (Student)

2018/19 Goals

- Continue:

- Advise the Nature App
- Advise the Economicology Forums/Sustainability Brownbag Series
- New Projects:
 - Developing the “human flourishing” concept, including education and resources for faculty.

COMMUNITY Sustainability Committee

Members:

- *Brian Matzke (Co-Chair, Cabinet Member)*
- *Brigid Avery (Co-Chair- Elected from Committee)*
- *Jessica Eimer Bowen (Ex-officio, Director of Sustainability)*
- *Stefanie Hathaway (Ex-officio, Wellness)*
- *Cecilia Cunningham (Guest)*
- *Michael Curry (Faculty, exp 2019)*
- *Bill Foley (Faculty, exp 2019)*
- *Brigid Avery (Staff, 1st term Exp 2019)*
- *Chad Buczkowski (Staff)*
- *Anastasia Tafelsky (Student)*
- *Chloe Niepoth (Student)*

2018/19 Goals:

- Continue:
 - Focus on wellness
 - Communicate wellness resource available to our community
 - Providing guidance to the Green Revolving Fund, as needed.
- New projects:
 - Launch lunchtime weekly yoga, branded under the “Sustainable Living Series” campus focus.
 - They will also consider additional wellness programs for the year.

INFRASTRUCTURE Sustainability Committee

Members:

- *Lisa VanDeWeert (Co-Chair, Cabinet Member)*
- *Shelbi Rushing (Co-Chair- Elected from Committee)*
- *Jessica Eimer Bowen (Ex-officio, Director of Sustainability)*
- *Doug Greenslate (Ex-officio, Director of Housekeeping)*
- *Julie Blaszak (Ex-officio, Director of Residence Life)*

- Francine Paolini (Faculty, Exp 2019)
- Dr. Rebecca Coogan (Faculty, Exp 2019)
- Shelbi Rushing (Staff)
- Thomas Voglewede (Student)
- Elizabeth Walztoni (Student)

2018/19 Goals:

- Continue:
 - Coordinating the We All Live Here Service Day in April
 - Advise the campus community garden
- New Projects:
 - Open access to educational resources, including more online textbooks
 - Offering reusable mugs to dine-in customers at the Moose Cafe
 - Acquire more energy efficient washers and dryers in the Residence Halls