

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 5/2/2025

Attendees:

- Dr. Yussra Jamjoom
- Eng. Abdullah Bukhari
- Dr. Amr Yousef
- Dr. Samah Alkhateeb
- Dr. Salim Al Jazzar
- Ms. Haneen Alghamdi

The Sustainability Project Committee at the university held a meeting to review updates related to the sustainability dimensions as stated in the sustainability plan:

1. Projects & Operations

The committee members responsible for this dimension (*Eng. Abdullah Bukhari, Prof. Yasser Abu Al-Majd, Dr. Amr Hussein, and Dr. Samah Al-Khatib*) met to discuss the preliminary plan and align it with the requirements of **Race to Zero** and **UI Green Metric**. It was noted that, according to **Race to Zero** requirements, the university is currently in the preparation phase, which lasts for three months, with ongoing modifications.

The following agreements were made:

- The Sustainability committee will be provided (By 11/12 Feb) with the updated preliminary plan, including a review of **QS World Ranking** requirements.
- The updated plan will include targets and KPIs

- In addition to the plan, detailed individual proposals will be attached for:
 - **Recycling Program**
 - **Vending Machine Panda**
 - **Commuting Project (Application and Bus Routes)** Members will share the required proposals by next week. (Dr. Samah , Dr. Amr)

The committee also noted that the university's building projects related to **recycling, Building Management System (BMS), and Power Management System (PMS)** are still under discussion with relevant companies.

2. Education and Curriculum

- The Sustainability Committee members were informed that a proposal for a sustainability course has been submitted for approval from the top management.
- Dr. Salem Al-Jazzar presented an update on aligning university courses with the **(SDGs)**, highlighting the goals with the highest alignment with university programs.
- Communication will be established with college deans to gather evidence on project types incorporated into courses and their relevance to the related SDGs.
- Dr. Salem was to review **UI Green Metric** education and curriculum requirements to ensure all necessary aspects are covered.

3. Awareness & Training

Sustainability Day Event & Sustainathon Competitions

- Details of the **Sustainathon** competition were discussed, with a key observation that all competition tracks currently focus on environmental aspects, without addressing social and economic dimensions.
- There were some modifications on the dates related to submission and selection
- Dr. Salem Al-Jazzar will review the competition tracks to determine the appropriate adjustments, and the revised tracks will be shared with the committee on **Monday, February 10, 2025**.
- The updated version for the competition proposal will be shared by Dr. Amr
- Dr. Samah Al-Khatib will share the detailed **event agenda**, scheduled to get the university president approval

Awareness messages

- Ms. Haneen presented several sustainability awareness designs. It was agreed to make some modifications and share them via WhatsApp for members to select the most suitable design as soon as possible.
- The committee members were also shown **cube designs** that will be placed at the university entrance to raise awareness about the SDGs.

Workshops

- Dr. Samah Al-Khatib will propose topics for **workshops** to be delivered to faculty members and students.