

MOM (Sustainability Committee) 23-4-2024

The meeting commenced with Prof. Samah Alkhateeb delivering a comprehensive presentation on sustainability frameworks and practices in various higher education institutions, highlighting examples of top green universities. Key sustainability aspects discussed included governance, planning, assessment, awareness, and community participation. There was also a discussion on the proposed strategic plan prepared by Dr. Yussra Jamjoom, which includes the major sustainability dimensions and example of initiatives which the university can implement.

Based on the discussion, the committee agreed on the following:

- The committee will identify and specify the assessment tools to comply with (e.g., STARS, ISCN, WASD).

- The Proposed Sustainability strategic plan will include a detailed execution timeframe . This will be developed based on the inputs from all members.

- Eng. Abdullah will review / amend the initiatives listed under "Sustainability in UBT Operations" and develop an execution plan for each feasible initiative. This includes aspects related to energy efficiency, water consumption, and recycling, along with a plan to measure the impact of these initiatives. (Due: July 11th)

- Ms. Haneen Alghamdi will review /add initiatives in the sections titled "Campus Engagement" and "Public Engagement," and develop execution plans for each feasible initiative. (Due: July 11th)

- Ms. Haneen Alghamdi will search for or develop an appropriate sustainability quote to be included in UBT's email signature.

- Dr. Yasser and Dr. Amer will continue the project on electricity consumption, focusing on identifying the most effective and efficient options.

- The committee will collaborate to identify existing sustainability practices to enhance and ensure their inclusion in the sustainability strategic plan.