



Dear Campus Community,

It is a pleasure for the Wayne State Student Senate to support the 2023-2028 Sustainability Strategic Plan. In the state of our changing climate and environmental circumstances, it is important to uplift the ecosystems around us to protect the lives of Wayne State students and the greater Detroit area. The Wayne State University Student Senate strives to uplift the environmental initiatives set forth by the University to be a driver of environmentally friendly goals as an urban institution. Wayne State University, in combination with the Office of Campus Sustainability, continues to be leaders in the realm of environmental trailblazing and continues to inspire change among other higher education institutions.

The Student Senate is proud to continue to support the continuation of water quality testing, through a newly created standard operating procedure for tracking water usage. We strongly urge the university to support research and inquiry into urban sustainability on our campus. A project the Student Senate seeks to see to its fruition is overall carbon reduction opportunities. All of these initiatives are urged by the Senate with the goal of long-term benefit and success for the university and our campus community.

Environmental neglect and climate change pose a true danger to the student population in their ability to learn, research, and study in an urban setting. Wayne State's placement within Detroit implies unique problems, for much of the city's landscape has been affected by increased emissions from the auto industry. It is crucial now more than ever to provide solutions to the harmful effects that we have had on our ecosystems.

This five-year plan encompasses the vision and mission of the Wayne State Strategic Plan through the ten focus areas: environmental justice, carbon reduction, built environment, water quality and quantity, energy, transportation and mobility, urban biodiversity, sustainable food practices, waste reduction, and academia. Each of the focus areas create social, economic, and educational opportunities for students at the University through research, employment, and stewardship.

Therefore, the Wayne State University Student Senate strongly urges the University to continue to uplift the environmental initiatives that have been laid out in the 2023-2028 Office of Campus Sustainability strategic plan in order to support the success of each and every future warrior.

With Warrior Pride,



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