

# Commission Meeting #14 1/10

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**10 January 2020 /1:30 PM/ NORTH CONFERENCE ROOM, GRAHAM**

## ATTENDEES

*In Person:*

Henry Baier, Liz Barry, Andrew Berki, Stephen Forrest, Austin Glass, Jennifer Haverkamp, Brandon Hofmeister, Andrew Horning, Greg Keoleian, Larissa Larsen, Jonathan Overpeck, Barry Rabe, Camilo Serna, Missy Stults, Logan Vear, Lisa Wozniak

*By Phone (for part or all of the meeting):*

Valeria Bertacco

*Regrets:*

Anthony Denton, Anna Stefanopoulou

## NOTES

### UPDATES

#### ***Student Advisory Panel***

The co-chairs are working with the [Student Advisory Panel](#) to schedule a meeting to discuss various concerns raised by the students.

#### ***Phases of Work***

The Commission is currently in phase 2 of its work. Phase 3, focused on deliberation and developing recommendations, will begin in May 2020. Given the complexity of garnering full participation across frequent meetings during the summer months due to misaligned travel schedules, the Commission is planning several focused, full day retreats. For more information on the PCCN's timeline and phases of work, see [here](#).

### **CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT SCHLISSEL**

Much of the meeting was devoted to a conversation with President Schlissel. The President thanked the Commission for its work thus far, and emphasized his commitment to moving forward quickly towards carbon neutrality. The conversation ranged across several topics, including the role of interim actions, how current construction projects are being considered through the lens of a carbon neutral future and being built with adaptability in mind, and the challenge that UM's decentralized structure poses for collective action solutions. The group also discussed how responsibility for helping the University achieve carbon neutrality goals could be shared by all members of the community, potentially including the alumni network. Finally, they briefly touched on the challenge of lengthy campus disruptions from system-wide

infrastructure changes, and whether potential changes to UM organizational structures may be needed to effect large-scale change related to carbon neutrality and sustainability.

### **PROCESSES FOR DELIBERATION, DECISION-MAKING, AND REPORT WRITING**

Commissioners considered a first draft “strawperson” outline for the final report, which proposed chapters focused on:

- Scope of the recommendations by emission categories and geography
- Carbon neutrality timeline summary with interim targets
- Scope 1 emissions
- Scope 2 emissions
- Scope 3 emissions
- Carbon accounting standards
- Building standards
- Energy consumption policies
- Land use and bio sequestration
- Carbon offsets usage and criteria
- Campus culture strategies
- External collaboration strategies
- Institutional structures
- Financial summary

The draft outline also identified a number of issues that each chapter should address, such as:

- Carbon reduction potential
- Financial considerations
- Metrics and tracking
- Implementation timelines
- Organizational structures
- Equity and climate justice considerations
- Campus cultural issues and individual accountability
- Scalability, transferability, and external engagement
- Unknowns, gaps, and additional analysis required

There was also a preliminary discussion around the deliberation process itself, including such questions as criteria for prioritizing recommendations, how to address and reflect differences of opinion regarding recommendations, managing the public comments process, and the role of Commissioners and potential outside support in drafting the report itself.