

## **Senate resolution concerning increased transparency of Northwestern's progress in sustainability initiatives**

WHEREAS Northwestern University expresses a strong commitment to sustainability, decarbonization, reductions in fossil fuel consumption and energy spending, and the current and future health and well-being of all members of our community;

WHEREAS the truth of a commitment is measured by actions and by the transparent reporting of goals and progress towards such goals;

WHEREAS addressing sustainability challenges will not be achieved through individual action but through systemic, institution-level change;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate requests that the University leadership expeditiously:

1. Provide an update on the status of the sustainability goals laid out in the 2017–2021 [NU Sustainability Plan](#), identifying goals that have been met and those not yet achieved, and providing clear indication of the specific metrics used to determine (if any) successes and (if any) future challenges in areas including those listed in the 2017–2021 Plan: Built Environment, Transportation, Resource Conservation, Experiential Learning, and Communications and Engagement;
2. Complete and make public the current Sustainability Plan;
3. Provide evidence regarding how Northwestern University plans to stay not just current but also forward-thinking in its steps to address current and future sustainability in energy production and consumption;
4. Provide evidence regarding how Northwestern University will engage all community members in formulating, discussing, and implementing any such plans;
5. Provide quarterly substantial progress reports at the *sustainNU* [news site](#).