



Campus Sustainability Fund Final Report

1.0 - Project Report

Please describe your projects key accomplishments.

This project set out first to identify this need, winning recognition and funding from both the Campus Sustainability Fund and the Climate Solutions Challenge in 2021. We appreciate the generous participation of University Food Services and Executive Chefs from multiple food outlets on campus, who provided food purchasing data. Extrapolating from the autumn term 2019 as a baseline reporting period (the last fully-attended term on campus prior to the COVID-19 pandemic), our calculations show food emissions in 2019 to be 3,541 t CO₂e (tonnes carbon-dioxide equivalent).

We also conducted a menu analysis for the majority of outlets on campus to identify the percentage of plant-based items available in 2019 as well as the percentage of red, yellow and green tier menu items as classified by the World Resource Institute Protein Scorecard.

This initiative recommends a 30% decrease in overall food emissions, primarily through:

- promote sustainable options (e.g. plant-based 'milks', make equal to or less than dairy)
- substitute green- and yellow-tier proteins (e.g. plant-based options) as the 'default' across food outlets, listing first on menus and in
- make yellow- and red-tier food items the add-on/additional cost item
- make the sustainable choice the more affordable one
- make plant-based 'milks,' make equal to or less than dairy

Organization is key as well as having a clear understanding of project outcomes and the tools and timeline required to achieve them. Having a prior relationship established with key stakeholders can ensure that data or information needed will be made available in a timely fashion.

1.8 - Timeline:

Please provide the *actual* project start and end dates

Start Date: June 15 th , 2021	End Date: Nov 30 th , 2021
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1.9 - Feedback

Do you have any feedback for the Office of Campus Planning and Sustainability or the Sustainability Fund Application Review Committee regarding your experience with the Fund?

It has been a wonderful experience working with the Office of Sustainability on this project. We have learned so much and are so proud to have our results and recommendations included in the 2022 Climate and Sustainability Action Plan to hopefully see a reduction of our food-related scope 3 GHG emissions in the near future.

2.0 - Project Financials

2.1 – Budget

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