

## Lehigh Climate Lab Committee Structure

### Background

Lehigh's Climate Action Strategy maps out the University's transition to a carbon-free campus. Throughout the implementation of the Strategy, there will be opportunities to center Lehigh's mission to advance learning through the integration of teaching, research, and service to others. A critical part of this will be ensuring the Office of Sustainability, Lehigh Facilities, and faculty have ample time to identify and map out Climate Action Strategy opportunities and ways to collaborate.

To achieve this, the **Lehigh Climate Lab Committee** will be established to develop projects to deepen meaningful hands-on student learning experiences at Lehigh and determine synergies with faculty research interests, all while advancing the University's operational commitments to net carbon neutrality.

### Who

The **Lehigh Climate Lab Committee** will consist of a small set of Lehigh stakeholders (~8 people):

- **Lehigh Facilities and Office of Sustainability representatives** - provide details and timing of Lehigh's Climate Action Strategy projects
- **Lehigh Sustainability Council, Educational Experience Subcommittee members** - provide insights from their respective colleges on academic research, courses, and general logistics around course curriculum planning
- **Office of Creative Inquiry representative** - provide insights on potential special projects for the Campus Sustainable Impact Fellowship and summer Mountaintop experience
- **Eco-Rep Leadership Program representative** - student perspective and feedback

### What

The Lehigh Climate Lab will provide opportunities to deepen hands-on student learning while advancing the University's operational commitments to net carbon neutrality.

### When

Over the next 1-2 decades, there will be an ongoing transformation to the Lehigh campus. The Lehigh Climate Lab Committee will meet 2-3 times per year to identify upcoming capital projects related to the Climate Action Strategy, research needs, and upcoming courses taught to connect opportunities for experiential learning for Lehigh's students.