

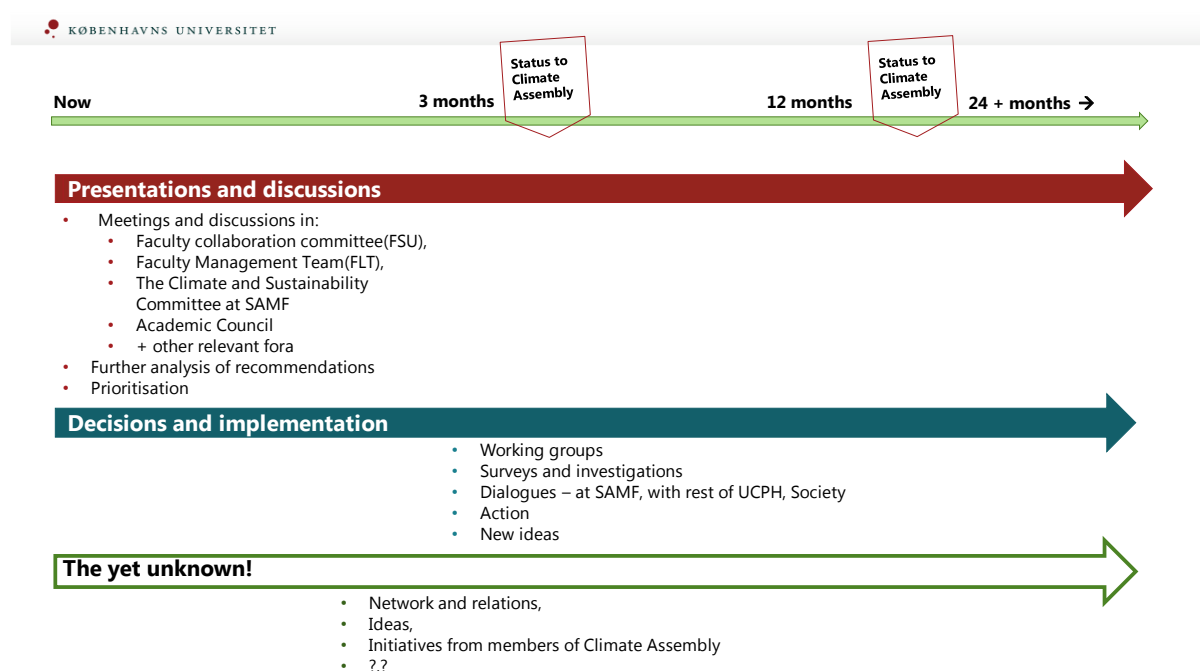
Climate Assembly – first status report May 2024

The mandate for the Climate Assembly requires a status report three months after the launch of the recommendations. During the last assembly-meeting it was agreed that it would be more suitable to postpone it until the new dean was in place and let the reporting be a meeting between the climate assembly and the new dean in combination with a written status.

This written status contains a short status on the process since 18. January, an overview with some status-notes on all the recommendations and some process notes on what happens now.

The process since 18. January

At the launch the dean presented this model for the process the first 12 months.



There is a formal track with presentations and discussion in relevant bodies, a decision and implementation track and then a track containing all the things that happens without formal coordination.

Presentations and discussions.

As promised in the mandate, the recommendation report has been discussed in

- Faculty Management Team
- Faculty collaboration committee
- Academic Council
- Forum for Heads of studies
- Research Council
- The Climate and sustainability Committee at SAMF
- Sustainability Allies at SAMF

In all bodies, the members were asked to suggest which recommendations they found most important in relation to SAMF's role in the green transition and where they could see the particular body take a responsibility or contribute to the implementation.

Furthermore, their attention was pointed towards the recommendations most relevant for their task (for example education and research in academic council).

In most bodies, between 15 and 50 minutes was dedicated to the discussions and was part of an agenda with other discussion points.

Decisions and implementation

After the report has been digested and discussed in the formal fora, decisions and prioritisations will need to be made.

In the slide it is shown as a process that comes after the first three months, but some decisions were made earlier:

- A small working group has been established to investigate possibilities for creating a travel fund at the faculty and they will present the different options before the summer vacation.
- At the first Faculty Management Team meeting it was decided that SAMFs participation in the national climate action day 25. April 2024 and the local climate pledges should be related to the work of the Climate Assembly.
- Furthermore, all head of institutes have been asked to discuss the recommendation report at relevant staff-fora.

The Faculty is currently negotiating the 'goal-plans' for 2025-2028 with the rectorate and several of the goals are directly related to the recommendation report and sustainability prioritisations. In the next months, Faculty Management Team will conclude and make prioritisations based on the input from the official bodies, the negotiations with the rectorate and other impressions from the past four months.

"The yet unknown"

..was the title of the last track in the slide at the launch. It was expected that different individuals – including the climate assembly members, KU bodies outside SAMF and maybe also outside the university would find inspiration in both the process and the recommendations and discuss and use it in different ways. The faculty knows of only some of these actions, such as for example presentations at both SUND and JUR here at KU and at CBS Green Business forum and in the network UBU (Uddannelse for Bæredygtig Udvikling – education for sustainable development). At the practical level, colleagues at Campus Service who are responsible for the contracts with the canteen have already had dialogues about for example the price-structures and vegetarian sandwiches are now cheaper than the meat-sandwiches as suggested by the climate assembly.

Recommendations – status by 27. May 2024

Below is a short status on each recommendation based on both the discussions that has taken place in the SAMF-bodies listed above and on activities and decisions that has occurred or been started during the past three months. There are no conclusions yet, but these are some of the inputs that will be used in the decision-taking-process soon to come.

Guiding principles

Headline	Status
Well-being	<p>The Guiding principles were presented as ‘a gift’ to management at the launch – the frame that would guide the directions when meeting dilemmas in the necessary prioritisations.</p> <p>A first debate about the value of ‘Guiding Principles’ has taken place at the Faculty Management Team, and they will be included in the following discussions as well.</p> <p>Furthermore ‘Embracing Trade-offs’ has been discussed separately in Academic Council.</p>
Social and collective responsibility	
Earthly care and connectedness to nature	
Embracing Trade-offs	

1	RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SAMF’S ROLE IN SOCIETY’S GREEN TRANSITION	Status
1.1	Create sustainable living labs at SAMF	The Sustainability Allies finds this interesting – in connection with 3.2 and 5.2. It has not been discussed much in other bodies yet. It was also discussed at SUND.
1.2	Set a solid ground for change	These recommendations have been discussed as a question of more data and more performance goals. In the statement from the dean in the report, it is said that a climate footprint will need to be included in the budget memos from departments in the future.
1.3	Monitor and evaluate SAMF’s sustainability Performance	
1.4	Establish a Green Action Centre at SAMF	In the dean’s statement, it is written that a working group around this recommendation would be established, and it has been prioritised as an important recommendation by both the Faculty Management Team, Academic Council and SAMF climate and sustainability group. Furthermore, GSC has reached out and offered their help and support in establishing it, if SAMF decides to prioritise this.
1.5	Design SAMF as a green village	The group of Sustainability Allies at the campus found this interesting. In combination with the recommendations in chapter 5 about sustainable communities, suggestions about
1.6	Join and contribute to green university networks	This was discussed in the Climate and sustainability Group, and it was also discussed at SUND.
1.7	Support researchers in engaging in the public Debate	This recommendation has not been in focus in any of the discussions.

2.	RECOMMENDATIONS FOR GREEN RESEARCH AND EDUCATION	These recommendations are considered by most bodies as essential in relation to SAMFs role in society's green transition.
2.1.	Implement a basic (mandatory) ecological education for all students at SAMF at the bachelor level	This has been discussed in almost all fora and in general there is consensus that it is important to secure more 'green education' for SAMF-students. Yet, the content (the multidisciplinary), the size and the 'mandatory-ness' opens up many discussions. The continued work with this recommendation will require some decisions and prioritisations that has not been made yet.
2.2.	Celebrate and incentivise green research	This recommendation is celebrated by some as an easy step and rejected by others as waste of time. It could be implemented locally at departments or centrally at the faculty and we may see local examples before the 12-month report. SUND also discussed this recommendation.
2.3.	Create a seminar series communicating frontline research on the green transition	Valued important by several bodies – it is in line with the 'normal' ways of working at the university, and if it is prioritised, many researchers would be interested in contributing. So far, no bodies have offered ownership of such a seminar series.
2.4.	Make it mandatory for courses capable of including knowledge and methods about ecological and green transition approaches to do so	Often discussed in connection with 2.1 as it is two different ways of ensuring more 'green education'. The climate pledge from the students at political science is based on this recommendation.
2.5.	Collaborate with the Department of Food and Resource Economics (IFRO)	This has been received positively in all bodies, yet it was also stated that there are other important centers and organisations than IFRO. At the forum for Head of studies it was further noted that the internal structures of KU can be a hindrance to more collaboration as IFRO-staff (and other KU-staff) teaching at SAMF need to be paid as externals and that is costly. There is a need to change that to encourage more collaboration.
2.6.	Create more opportunities for students to go further in to green and ecological research	Everybody seem to agree that this is important, and it is the hope that the working-groups tasked with designing the new master-educations will use it as inspiration.
2.7.	Foster green research and recruit capable researchers within this field	This has not been discussed much at SAMF, but it was discussed at SUND

3.	RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES	These recommendations have not been discussed much at SAMF, but Campus Service has been encouraged to include the recommendations in the future space-planning. It is considered that most of these recommendations must await the move to Southern Campus.
3.1.	Better usage of buildings and facilities	Sustainability allies discussed the possibilities to invite communities or small organisations to use some of the space in evenings and vacation periods. Yet, it requires some investigations of rules and possibilities.
3.1.1.	Optimise campus space usage	Not discussed much at SAMF, Campus service has been encouraged to include the recommendations in the future space-planning.
3.1.2.	Improve student facilities	Awaits the move to Southern Campus
3.1.3.	Establish flexible work space designs and collaborations	Awaits the move to Southern Campus
3.2.	Reduce, reuse and recycle buildings and Facilities	It has not been discussed much but it was the inspiration for the climate pledge from the faculty secretariat about using electronic equipment longer and ask for repairing instead of new equipment.
3.3.	More flexible buildings and facilities	Awaits the move to Southern Campus

4.	RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TRAVEL AND MOBILITY	These recommendations have taken up most of the time of the discussions in the formal bodies. The rectorate has asked all units at KU to make individual CO2 reduction targets and SAMF has also asked all institutes to make local travel guidelines. The deadline for these tasks has been this spring.
4.1.	Make data on travel-related carbon emissions Available	The data for emissions for 2023 are available very soon in tableau for all staff at KU. Students can get the data by contacting Head of Sustainability, Ditte Helsted-Amskov.
4.2.	Establish an inter-institutional travel fund at the Faculty.	A working group has been established. They are collecting inspiration from other European universities and will present possible scenarios to the Faculty Management Team, hopefully before the summer vacation.
4.3.	Install minimum requirements for business travel across departments	This has been discussed at the Faculty Management Team. Currently, each institute has had to make their own guidelines, but it may be relevant for the faculty to set common targets or make common guidelines. The Faculty Management Team will discuss that in the end of 2025 after an evaluation on experiences and obtained reductions.
4.4.	Limit physical attendance at conferences and promote online attendance	This is included in some of the travel guidelines for the institutes. It is expected that it will be discussed further.
4.5.	Create guidelines for inviting international researchers to SAMF	This will be discussed in relation to the travel guidelines for the institutes and the faculty. It also includes Ph.D-evaluators.

5.	RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION	The canteen and the KU contact-person responsible for the collaboration and the contracts with the canteen have received the recommendations and several initiatives have already been taken – Some before the Climate Assembly and some after.
5.1.	Transition to sustainable consumption in the Canteens	This is in process – the canteen has not served beef since 1. January and they are focusing on locally produced products. The climate pledge from the canteen is based on this recommendation.
5.1.1.	Reduce the amount of disposable tableware in all Campus canteens	This is in process. There are only porcelain cups for coffee in the canteens and single-use tableware cost extra which is decreasing the use of it. Next step in relation to single-use tableware is student-driven bars that use a lot of plastic cups at parties or events.
5.1.2.	Use a concept like Too Good To Go (if/when possible)	The canteen uses their Instagram profile to announce if there are extra food that can be bought at cheap prices. Often there are no waste from the canteen as they have a big focus on reducing waste.
5.1.3.	Promote seasonal and local products	This is a focus-point for the canteen already. They communicate about it through their Instagram profile
5.1.4.	Differentiate prices according to carbon Footprint	Vegan and vegetarian sandwiches are now cheaper than meat-sandwiches.
5.1.5.	Make the vegan option more appealing than the meat option	This is a constant focus area for the canteen.
5.2.	Create local sustainable communities at SAMF	Discussed with the sustainability allies in connection with 1.1 and 3.1. If prioritised and supported structurally, the group – or some of the members might take ownership.
5.2.1.	Encourage sustainable communities	
5.2.2.	Encourage recycling and buying second-hand goods	
5.2.3.	Reduce the use of paper for compendiums	This has not been discussed in the official bodies
5.3.	Introduce more sustainable waste management	This has not been discussed in the official bodies
5.3.1.	Introduce deposit systems	This has not been discussed in the official bodies
5.3.2.	Establish dialogue on garbage sorting	This has not been discussed in the official bodies
5.4	Bring in more art as practice and as a source of inspiration for possible futures and changemaking	Several bodies have found it interesting, and it serves as a good inspiration for future projects. SUND also finds it interesting.