



# Climate Justice Action Committee

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# Climate Justice Action

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# Mission statement

**Climate Justice Action** includes coordinated efforts for a just transition towards a sustainable future.

It recognizes the systemic nature of the causes and effects of climate change and the corresponding need for systemic solutions.

It focuses on solutions that will mitigate the historical inequities in the contributions to climate change and vulnerabilities to its consequences.

It highlights the universal relevance of climate justice action across every area of training and scholarship and the need for collaborative action.

# Summary findings and recommendations

The 2022–2023 committee acknowledges the legacy of the previous committee and reaffirms the priorities outlined by that group.

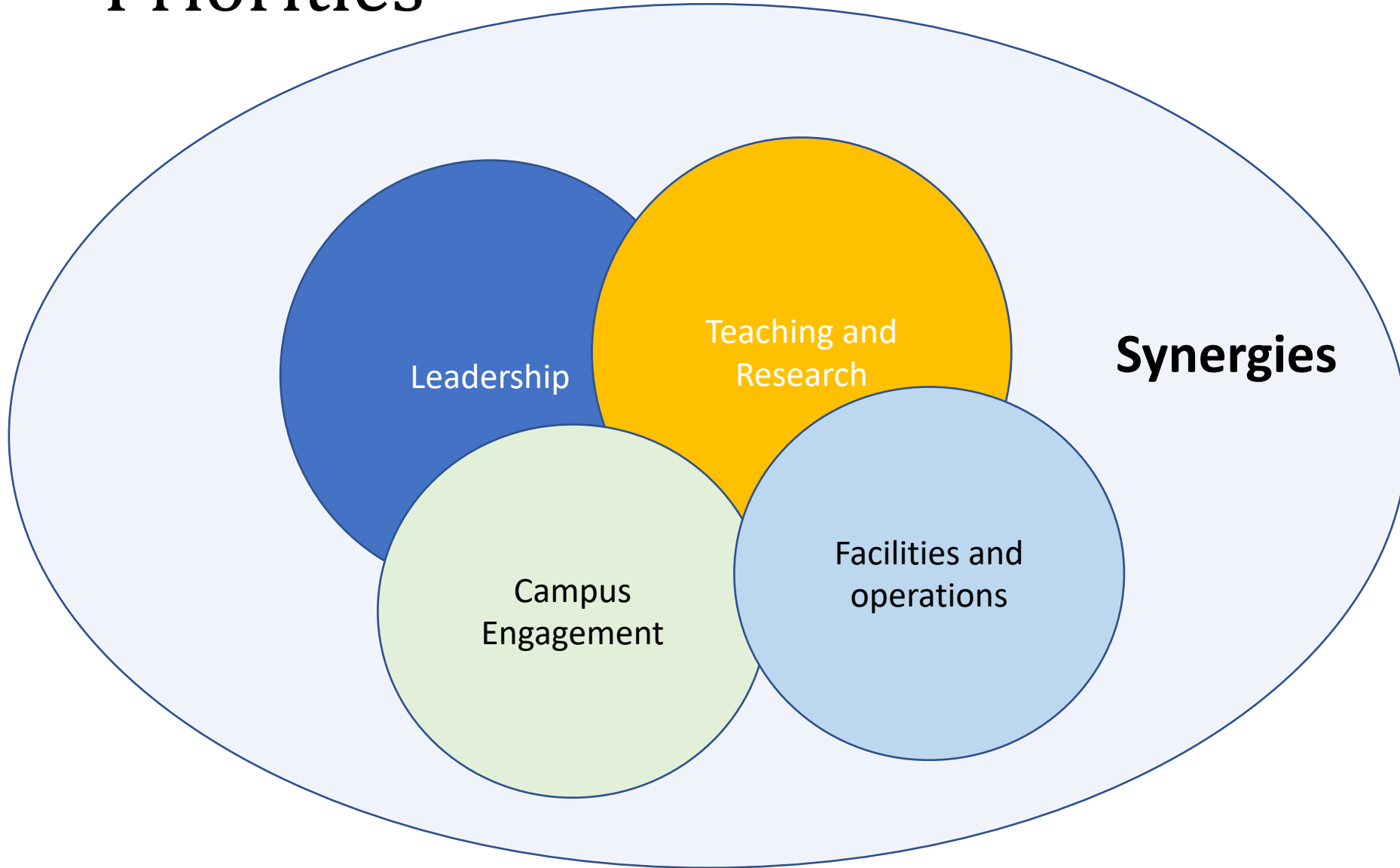
The committee calls for **more urgent and visible action and advancement** toward the identified goals.

The committee highlights **the increased urgency, responsibility, and potential** for Northeastern University to become a global leader in Climate Justice Action, given its Global Campus.



# Priorities

## TRANSPARENT ASSESSMENT





# Opportunities: Ratings and rankings

## Ratings and rankings

1. STARS system (Bronze, Silver or Gold)
2. Other rankings (Times higher ed ranking)

Or, find specific universities

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Institution	Location	STARS Version	Rating	Valid Through
Northeastern University	United States , MA	2.1	Reporter	June 8, 2024



# Opportunities: Metrics and impact tracking

- Developing a comprehensive set of metrics and indicators to measure the impact and track progress concerning the strategic plan.
- These metrics should be aligned with established frameworks such as the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and the AASHE STARS rating system.
- Develop an interactive dashboard similar to those used by other institutions, like Brandeis University's Sustainability Dashboard (<https://www.brandeis.edu/sustainability/data/index.html>).
- This dashboard should be accessible to the NEU community and regularly updated with relevant data and progress reports.



# Opportunities: Metrics and impact tracking

## Dashboard metrics

- a. Research and Teaching
- b. Campus Operations and Facilities
- c. Community Engagement and Partnerships
- d. Planning and Administration





# Opportunities: visible and coordinated group of key players and stakeholders

1. Update on the proposed actions listed in the Climate Justice Action plan ( Convene Steering Committee; Host racial equity training; host community conversations)
2. Transparency Climate Hub's community partners and the nature and scope of their engagement.
3. Integration of experiential climate justice learning opportunities into coursework at **all levels and disciplines**, across the global network
4. Establishment of a CAB in consultation with the Office of City and Community Engagement and faculty with reservation of one seat for a community member



# Opportunities: Integration with DEI

- Social justice is central to Climate Justice Action
- 2023–2024 Committee to pursue engagement with unit-level DEI heads and seeks conversations with the Inclusion and Diversity Committee to ensure alignment and accountability for climate equity



# Conclusion

- NEU has the potential and the expertise to be a **global leader** in integrated climate Justice Action across its activities in the Global Network
- Urgent efforts are needed to accelerate this leadership