

WLUFAs Climate Action Committee Call for Nominations

By resolution of the Executive Committee, WLUFAs is pleased to announce the formation of a Climate Action Committee and to put out this first call for nominations.

The global climate crisis is having profound impacts on our world and promises long-term implications for the shape of ecological systems and human societies alike. Climate change is simultaneously an environmental issue and an issue of social justice, which calls for creativity, resources and tough decisions at all levels of society. Universities are key sites for teaching, research, debate, collaboration and innovation on climate and climate-related issues. Across their numerous operations and activities, they are also important contributors to greenhouse gas emissions.

Laurier's Sustainability Action Plan for 2018-22 identifies "climate action" as one of the Plan's three core themes. As employees of the university and members of its governance structures and processes, WLUFAs members play a significant role in shaping Laurier's greenhouse-gas footprint and its responses to the climate emergency. We also have a direct stake in how our workplace and workplace practices are reshaped by Laurier's efforts to tackle the climate issue.

The WLUFAs Climate Action Committee will engage in climate action with respect to WLUFAs internal operations, our members' relationship with the university, the university's broader activities, and climate action beyond Laurier.

We are seeking 8-10 members who will represent contract faculty, full-time faculty and librarians from across Laurier locations. Only WLUFAs members are eligible to join. Diversity and equity are core values of WLUFAs, and as such form key criteria as we seek to build the committee's membership. Also, given the importance of this issue to the land we are on and to the work of reconciliation, one seat on the committee is reserved for an Indigenous faculty member.

Half of those nominated will have membership active for one year, and half for two years, with subsequent annual nomination processes being for two-year service on the committee.

Members will be required to attend five annual meetings, one in spring/summer (normally in June) and two in each academic semester. Members will spend additional time working with others on the committee between official meetings.

To nominate yourself or a colleague please complete the attached nomination form and send it to [Linda Watson](#) in the WLUFAs office by September 14th.

WLUFAs Climate Action Committee Nomination Form

Nomination forms will be kept strictly confidential. They will be viewed only by members of the WLUFAs Executive Committee and WLUFAs staff. The forms will be stored on password-protected staff computers and will be shared with Executive members via the password-protected WLUFAs Executive web portal. Executive members will be instructed to delete the forms from their personal devices after committee appointment decisions are made.

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| Name: | <u>Jessica Joy Cameron</u> |
| Bargaining Unit: | <input type="checkbox"/> Full-time <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>Contract</u> |
| Location: | <input type="checkbox"/> Brantford <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>Waterloo</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Kitchener |
| Are you a member of an equity-seeking group? | <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Yes</u> <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say |
| Do you identify as an Indigenous person? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>No</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say |
| Are you applying for a one or two-year position on the committee? | <input type="checkbox"/> <u>One-year</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Two-year |

Please provide a 200-250 word explanation of why you would like to join the committee and what you hope to contribute to its work. You may also mention previous related experience as appropriate.

I would like to join the WLUFAs Climate Action Committee because I am compelled to act in the face of this climate emergency. Should I be selected, I will take a practical approach to what WLUFAs and the larger Laurier community can do mitigate the worst consequences of climate breakdown. I will simultaneously take a social justice approach to our committee work as we know that climate change will continue to disproportionately affect those living in the global south along with racialized communities living in the global north.

I have previous union and activist experience that I will bring to the committee. I was one of the WLUFAs members who contributed to the discussions around the creation of the Climate Action Committee proposal. While working for Service Canada, I represented our PSAC local at the annual CEIU National Women’s Conference and I established and chaired the Awareness and Action Committee at our local office. While in graduate school, I served on the CUPE executive and was a shop steward for my department. I have activist experience in feminist organizing and protests against neoliberal austerity and imperialism.