Terms of reference for the SDU Climate Panel

***§1 Name and purpose of the panel***

The name of the panel is the SDU Climate Panel (hereinafter referred to as ‘the Climate Panel’). SDU’s ambition is to be a low-carbon university by 2030. SDU has therefore set a target in its climate plan to reduce the University’s greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 by at least 57% compared to 2018, which corresponds to a 70% reduction compared to 1990.

Implementation of the SDU Climate Plan will take place in three implementation waves, with the first wave running from 2022 to 2024. The second and third implementation waves run from 2025 to 2027 and 2028 to 2030, respectively. Each wave consists of a number of priority actions aimed at reducing SDU’s greenhouse gas emissions. The work of the plan will be followed up each year in the form of a climate report.

As part of the work on the follow-up and ongoing review of the climate plan, a Climate Panel has been appointed to advise the University’s management on the climate efforts at SDU. The Climate Panel does not have an independent decision-making power but can make proposals through its recommendations.

***§2 Tasks of the Climate Panel***

*Subsection 1.* Through research and practice knowledge, the Climate Panel contributes with independent advice on the conversion of SDU to a low-carbon university and has the following main tasks:

1. Assess the status of fulfilment of the overall objective as well as goals and sub-goals in the climate area set out in SDU’s climate plan for 2030.
2. Assess the need for adaptation of the current portfolio of efforts in the ongoing implementation wave, including the need for further efforts.
3. Prepare recommendations for technological solutions and behavioural initiatives that can contribute to the realisation of goals for reducing SDU’s emissions of greenhouse gases by 2030.
4. The Climate Panel shall consult and involve relevant parties in its work as appropriate.

*Subsection 2.*The University management may request the Climate Panel to make ad hoc recommendations on specific priority issues, etc.

*Subsection 3.* The Climate Panel shall submit and publish its recommendations in accordance with Section 2(2) annually in connection with the Board meeting in December.

*Subsection 4.* The Climate Panel shall publish an annual working schedule listing its tasks.

***§3 Organisation of the Climate Panel***

*Subsection 1.* The Climate Panel is an independent expert advisory body.

*Subsection 2.* The Climate Panel consists of 1 chair and 3 experts from the academic staff, 3 experts from the technical/administrative staff and 3 students.

*Subsection 3.* The climate panel is composed of experts with expertise and insight in the climate work of organisations and transition to low-carbon organisations, as well as students with an interest in the University’s climate efforts. The chair of the Climate Panel is the University Director. The experts from the academic and technical/administrative staff are appointed by the University Director on the recommendation of the faculties. The three students are appointed by the University Director following an open call and applications from interested parties.

*Subsection 4.* The experts on the Climate Panel are appointed for a period of three years, with the possibility of reappointment once. The students on the Climate Panel are appointed for a period of one year, with the possibility of reappointment twice. If members resign from the Climate Panel before the end of their term, a new member may be appointed for the remaining term.

*Subsection 5.* The Climate Panel shall adopt its rules of procedure, which shall determine the meetings and the organisation of the Panel.

*Subsection 6.* The Climate Panel is assisted by the Rector’s Office via SDU’s SDG HUB, which takes care of the practical organisation of the Climate Panel meetings, facilitates and coordinates the work and helps all interested parties with guidance, contacts and inspiration. It is also responsible for information and the preparation of the University’s climate plan, as well as following up on the climate accounts. The Rector’s Office thus serves the Climate Panel in all matters relating to the Panel’s activities.