Background: The Campus Sustainability Office tracks greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from all campus activity in accordance with Second Nature’s Climate Commitment signed by President Wiewel.

Purchased goods & services: embodied lifecycle emissions from everything purchased by the University, such as construction & renovation activity, IT and telecom infrastructure, campus supplies, solid waste management, research activity, and much more.

Travel: emissions associated with all University business travel (air miles, lodging, meals, ground transportation), study abroad air miles, reimbursed personal vehicle miles, and contracted bus miles.

Commuting: emissions from personal vehicle or transit use, based on results from annual commuter survey.

Purchased electricity: emissions from offsite generation of electricity used on campus (e.g. burning coal, natural gas).

Other: combined emissions from campus-owned vehicles, and fugitive emissions from fertilizer and refrigerants used on campus.

Natural gas: emissions from gas combusted on campus for heating buildings and water.

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