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## SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### I. Introduction

Institutions of higher education have a crucial role in advancing the goal of a sustainable society because of their missions of research, education, and community engagement. The University of Kentucky is committed to developing and maintaining an environment that fosters and advances sustainability. This regulation establishes a campus-wide Sustainability Advisory Committee to focus and coordinate the University’s activities within the broad meaning of sustainability.

### II. Definition

Sustainability generally means meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.\* The concept of sustainability encompasses ideas, aspirations, and values intended to inspire public and private organizations to become better stewards of the environment and that promote positive economic growth and social objectives.\* Sustainability involves specific measures aimed at lowering energy use and cost, reducing greenhouse gases from building systems and transportation, water and waste water management, improving recycling, hazardous waste reduction and disposal, and responsible materials procurement, among others.

### III. Responsibilities

The Sustainability Advisory Committee shall:

- A. Define, develop, and recommend to the President a “Statement on Sustainability Policy and Principles;”
- B. Develop an annual set of committee goals and planned actions designed to further promote and advance an institutional culture of sustainability in the areas of campus business operations, education, research, and community engagement;
- C. Publicize and communicate current University sustainability initiatives to the University community;
- D. Develop indicators to measure progress and make suggestions and recommendations for improvements;

E. Conduct an annual review of University operations in terms of sustainability, including an assessment of the completeness and progress of University sustainability efforts as compared to national benchmark institutions;

F. Conduct and promote campus events, workshops, showcases, exhibits and symposia focused on enhancing sustainability efforts and practices so as to more fully engage faculty, staff, and students in this topic;

G. Promote and encourage sustainable best practices in University facility planning, design, and construction;

H. Prepare a guidance plan (including goals and action items) on how the University can achieve a reduction in campus greenhouse gas emissions and seek to become more climate neutral; and

I. Create and appoint such technical advisory task forces and committees as may be appropriate to advise the Committee and to foster increased opportunities for campus community involvement and input.

#### IV. Membership

A. The Committee shall be appointed by and report to the President.

B. The Committee shall be composed as follows:

1. Two members from University business operations;
2. Two faculty members;
3. Two student members;
4. One member from the College of Agriculture;
5. One member from Student Affairs;
6. One member representing the University research mission;
7. One member from the Lexington community (Non-UK);
8. Two members at Large; and
9. One Sustainability Coordinator (Ex Officio).

C. Members shall be appointed for staggered two-year terms. Initially one half of the committee shall be named to a one-year term. Two co-chairs shall be selected from the Committee membership by the Committee. One co-chair shall be a faculty member and one co-chair shall represent University business operations.

#### V. Meetings

The members of the Committee shall meet regularly during the academic year. Meeting agendas shall be distributed in advance to members, and shall be publicized on campus.

VI. Reporting

The Committee shall publish and present to the President an annual report each April on University sustainability activities and progress in meeting goals in campus business operations, education, research, and community engagement. The annual report shall also detail Committee goals and action items to be pursued in the following year.

\* U.S. Environmental Protection Agency