



Sustainability Advisory Committee

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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 strives to be a leader and role model in the application of sustainability principles and practices and to become a sustainable campus. This regulation establishes a campus-wide Sustainability Advisory Committee to focus and coordinate the University's activities within the broad meaning of sustainability, as reflected in the University's Statement on Sustainability Policy and Principles.

II. Entities Affected

This regulation applies to all employees, students, and units of the University.

III. Responsibilities

The Sustainability Advisory Committee shall:

- A. Pursue the principles outlined in the University's "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. Support the work of the Office of Sustainability in developing indicators to measure progress and make suggestions and recommendations for improvements;

- E. Conduct periodic reviews of the University in terms of sustainability, including an assessment of the completeness and progress of University sustainability efforts as compared to national benchmark institutions;
- F. Sponsor 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 and processes in University facility planning, design, and construction;
- H. Prepare a guidance plan 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 Environmental Management;
 - 8. One member from UK Public Relations
 - 9. One representative of the Lexington Fayette Urban County Government;
 - 10. One member at Large; and
 - 11. The Sustainability Coordinator (Ex Officio).
- C. Members shall normally be appointed for staggered two-year terms.
- D. The Committee shall select two (2) co-chairs from the Committee membership.

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 undertaken during the reporting period. The annual report shall also provide information regarding progress in meeting goals in campus business operations, education, research, and community engagement and establish Committee goals and action items for the following year

VII. References and Related Materials

Statement on Sustainability Policy and Principles (<http://www.sustainability.uky.edu/policy>)

Revision History

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