

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM - No. 135

TO: University of Cincinnati Campus Community

FROM: James Tucker, Vice President for Administrative & Business Services
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RE: Comprehensive Policy on Environmental Sustainability

The University of Cincinnati commits itself to the long-term protection and preservation of the environment to which our university community is inextricably tied. The University recognizes that sustainable development meets present needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. The University of Cincinnati's commitment to sustainability is framed by a profound appreciation for what lies ahead for society in the 21st Century and is consistent with UC|21 - the vision of the university's leadership for the future.

The University of Cincinnati is committed to promoting environmental stewardship and sustainability principles as it conducts its teaching, research and service missions, facility operations, and enhancement of the physical Master Plan. These are actions fundamental to ensure a legacy for the future and for the promotion and protection of healthy and safe learning and working environments.

It is the University of Cincinnati policy to foster and engage in environmental stewardship and sustainable practices that balance economic, ecological, and cultural needs of the university community through the following.

Leadership

- Be a role model for institutional dedication to environmental protection.
- Establish a Campus Sustainability Coordinator to serve as advocate and enhance institutional capacity.
- Initiate activities and projects that will support environmental sustainability.
- Promote awareness of all legislative, economic, technical and market developments in sustainability.
- Communicate the University's achievements regarding sustainability.

Teaching, Research and Service

- Encourage teaching, research and service that foster

- environmental stewardship and sustainable practices.
- Expose students, faculty and staff to the concepts of social, environmental and ethical stewardship.
 - Support and encourage interdisciplinary research concerning sustainable development.

Campus Facilities and Operations

- Promote sustainable planning, design and development philosophies.
- Develop environmentally preferable purchasing, accounting, and maintenance practices.
- Maximize the efficient use of energy and materials and minimize waste generation.
- Set best practice standards and meet or surpass requirements of environmental legislation.