Ball State University Unit-level Sustainability Planning

[as mandated in Goal IV_F of the 2007-2012 Ball State University Strategic Plan]

A Sustainability Plan

for the

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Achievements to Date

The following are our short-form question responses within the categories of Governance and Administration, Operations, Curriculum and Research, and Community Service and Outreach. In developing these short-form responses, we are pleased to report significant achievements in these areas and have identified opportunities for further development/transformation.

[Provide brief descriptions for each affirmative or goal response]

Governance and Administration
Y N Goal X 1. The unit has standing committees to address issues of sustainability.
 Y N Goal X 2. The unit gives assigned load and/or a staff position dedicated to sustainability initiatives.
 Y N Goal X 3. The unit has established policies that encourage sustainability initiatives.
Y N Goal X 4. The unit has sustainability integrated into its mission statement.
 Y N Goal X 5. The unit maintains active membership in organizations engaged in promoting sustainability.
Y N Goal X 6. The unit encourages and rewards research related to sustainability.
Y N Goal X 7. The unit encourages and rewards the integration of sustainability issues into course material.
Encourage, yes; rewards, no.

Op Y	N	tions Goal	1. The unit purchases/uses Energy Star Office and Telecommunications Equipment
			Must use new Concerto System. Do try to use green products.
Y	N X	Goal	2. The unit has policies to restrict paper use.
Y X	N	Goal	3. The unit uses recycled paper.
Y X	N	Goal	4. The unit recycles all materials accepted by the university system.
Y	N X	Goal	5. The unit has appropriate recycling bins throughout its offices.
			Not all have arrived in new building.
Y	N X	Goal	6 . The unit has policies that encourage the use of teleconferencing capabilities to limit travel.
Y X	N	Goal	7. The unit specifies hybrid electric vehicles for travel.
			When faculty request it.
Y	N X	Goal	8 . The unit shows preference for sustainable lodging for professional travel.
Y X	N	Goal	9. The unit uses washable dinner/service ware for its meetings/receptions.
Y	N X	Goal	10. The unit purchases/uses remanufactured office furniture.
			When permitted by university, but most is ordered for us.
Y X	N	Goal	11. The unit purchases/uses sustainable materials for office furnishings.
			In new building.

Y	N X	Goal 12.	The unit discourages the use of single-occupant automobile travel.
Y X	N		. Classroom, Office and/or Restroom lighting for the unit is controlled by occupancy sensors.
		I	In new building.
Y	N X	Goal 14.	The unit's thermostats are set to minimize energy use for heating and cooling.
		U	Unknown as faculty have control.
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Y	X	Goal 1.	The unit has courses dedicated to issues related to sustainability.
Y	N X	Goal 2.	The unit has courses with sustainability content.
Y X	N		The unit has courses in which students are encouraged to address sustainability ssues in their assignments.
Y X	N		The unit recognizes sustainability courses from other departments as legitimate electives for credit in its programs.
Y	N X	_	The unit has dedicated sustainability courses that can be taken for credit as part of a major or minor outside of the unit.

	<u>Research</u>			
Y	N X	Goal 1. Members of the unit have conducted research on issues of sustainability in their discipline.		
Y	N X	Goal 2. Members of the unit have published on issues of sustainability in their discipline.		
Y	N X	Goal 3. Members of the unit attend conferences that address issues of sustainability.		
		Not solely.		
Y	N X	Goal 4. Members of the unit belong to associations dedicated to sustainability issues.		
		Unknown.		
Y	N X	Goal5. The unit has hosted workshops on issues of sustainability.		
Y	N X	Goal 6. The unit has hosted conferences on issues of sustainability.		
		Not solely.		

Community Service and Outreach			
	N K	Goal 1. The unit engages in public and/or outreach activities that address issues of sustainability.	
	N X	Goal 2. The unit is in partnership with others in the community in the pursuit of sustainability.	
_ `		Goal 3. The unit participates in community events that address issues of sustainability.	
_	N X	Goal 4. The unit has initiated community endeavors in pursuit of sustainability.	

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Existing conditions as baseline (data as available)

In preparing our short-form responses to the questions in the previous section, we accumulated the following data sets. These comprise the numerical underpinnings specific to our <u>Sample</u> <u>Department</u>.

A List of Academic Offerings

Topical Sustainability Lectures
Topical Sustainability Modules
Sustainability Courses
Sustainability Programs
Sustainability Concentration
Sustainability Degree Offerings
Sustainability Immersive On-and Off-Campus Experiences

Existing conditions as baseline (data as available)

A List of Faculty, Staff and Student Activities

Professional Academic Organizations
Professional Staff Organizations
Student Associations and Clubs
Hybrid Fleet Vehicle Use
Hybrid Electric Shuttle Bus Use
Bicycling
Carpooling .
MITS Bio-Diesel Bus Use
Conference Travel; Carbon Offset Purchases (and others)

Existing conditions as baseline (data as available)

A List of Operational Commitments in the Building(s) We Occupy

Building Use: Lamps, Occupancy Sensors, Waterless Urinals

Material Use/Recycling: Paper, Water, Cartridges, Cans, Glass, Wet Garbage

Food Use/Recycling: Local Sourcing, Washable Dinnerware

Goals

Given our assessment of where things stand, we have identified the following goals for our unit
Governance and Administration
Operations
Curriculum
Research
Community Service and Outreach

Implementation

We have aligned specific action items with the 5-year cycling of the Strategic Plan and anticipate being able to move forward in the respective categorical areas, as described below.

2008 Action Items	Resource Needs
Governance and Administration	
Operations	
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Curriculum	
Research	
Community Service and Outreach	

2009 Action Items	Resource Needs
Governance and Administration	
Operations	
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Curriculum	
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Community Service and Outreach	

2010 Action Items	Resource Needs
Governance and Administration	
Operations	
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Curriculum	
Research	
Community Service and Outreach	
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2011 Action Items	Resource Needs
Governance and Administration	
Operations	
Curriculum	
Research	
Community Service and Outreach	
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2012 Action Items	Resource Needs
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Operations	
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Community Service and Outreach	
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