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

School of Physical Education, Sport, and Exercise Science

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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		
Policies for photocopying of handouts, exams, etc,. initiated in 2002.		
Y N Goal X Goal 4. The unit has sustainability integrated into its mission statement.		
 Y N Goal X		
Y N Goal X Goal 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. 		
Operations		
Y N Goal X 1. The unit purchases/uses Energy Star Office and Telecommunications Equipment.		
Y N Goal X		
Policies for photocopying of handouts, exams, etc,. initiated in 2002.		
Y N Goal X 3. The unit uses recycled paper.		

Y	N	Goal	
X			4 . The unit recycles all materials accepted by the university system.
Y X	N	Goal	5. The unit has appropriate recycling bins throughout its offices.
Y	N X	Goal	6 . The unit has policies that encourage the use of teleconferencing capabilities to limit travel.
Y	N X	Goal	7. The unit specifies hybrid electric vehicles for travel.
1 7	N	Casl	BSU motorpool is limited; our faculty are assigned vehicles
Y	X	Goal	8 . The unit shows preference for sustainable lodging for professional travel.
Y	N X	Goal	9. The unit uses washable dinner/service ware for its meetings/receptions.
3 7	N T	C 1	We use whatever items are provided by Banquet and Catering.
Y	X	Goal	10. The unit purchases/uses remanufactured office furniture.
			Purchasing selects the vendors for these items.
Y	N X	Goal	11. The unit purchases/uses sustainable materials for office furnishings.
			Purchasing selects the vendors for these items.
Y X	N	Goal	12. The unit discourages the use of single-occupant automobile travel.
			Whenever possible we encourage the use of multi-occupant vehicle travel.
Y	N X	Goal	13. Classroom, Office and/or Restroom lighting for the unit is controlled by occupancy sensors.
			This item is not within our control.
Y	N X	Goal	14. The unit's thermostats are set to minimize energy use for heating and cooling.
			This item is not within our control.

Cu	rric	culum
Y	N	Goal 1. The unit has courses dedicated to issues related to sustainability.
Y		Goal 2. The unit has courses with sustainability content.
Y		Goal 3. The unit has courses in which students are encouraged to address sustainability issues in their assignments.
Y		Goal 4. The unit recognizes sustainability courses from other departments as legitimate electives for credit in its programs.
Y		Goal 5. The unit has dedicated sustainability courses that can be taken for credit as part of a major or minor outside of the unit.
Re:	seai N X	Goal
Y		Goal 2. Members of the unit have published on issues of sustainability in their discipline.
Y		Goal 3. Members of the unit attend conferences that address issues of sustainability.
Y	N X	Goal 4. Members of the unit belong to associations dedicated to sustainability issues.
Y		Goal 5. The unit has hosted workshops on issues of sustainability.
Y	N X	Goal 6. The unit has hosted conferences on issues of sustainability.

Community Service and Outreach Y N Goal ☐ X ☐ 1. The unit engages in public and/or outreach activities that address issues of sustainability.			
Y N Goal X 2. The unit is in partnership with others in the community in the pursuit of			
Y N Goal X 3. The unit participates in community events that address issues of sustainability.			
Y N Goal X 1 4. The unit has initiated community endeavors in pursuit of sustainability.			
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 school.			
A List of Academic Offerings			
Topical Sustainability Lectures - None			

Topical Sustainability Modules - None

Sustainability Courses - None

Sustainability Programs - None

Sustainability Concentration - None

Sustainability Degree Offerings -None

Sustainability Immersive On-and Off-Campus Experiences - None

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 - Many faculty cycle for exercise; and a few do for transportation

Carpooling – for professional travel

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 – we do not control these within the building we occupy.

Material Use/Recycling: Paper, Water, Cartridges, Cans, Glass, Wet Garbage - we have recycling bins within our office wing.

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

Establish a voluntary sustainability committee to access selected areas of the School's governance, operation, 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	
Create a standing volunteer sustainability committee.	

2009	Action Items	Resource Needs
Governance and Ac	dministration	
TBD by 2008 survey.		