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

Department of Political Science

Submitted to
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[on or before]

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		
	N Go:	1. The unit has standing committees to address issues of sustainability.
Y N	Goal	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. Work toward reduction in paper use and increased use of electronic communications.
Y N	Goal X	4. The unit has sustainability integrated into its mission statement. Will develop statement to include as part of mission.
Y N	Goal	5. The unit maintains active membership in organizations engaged in promoting sustainability.
Y N	Goal	6. The unit encourages and rewards research related to sustainability.
Y N X	Goal	7. The unit encourages and rewards the integration of sustainability issues into course material.
		Individual professors currently do so.

Op	era	tions		
Y X	N	Goal	1.	The unit purchases/uses Energy Star Office and Telecommunications Equipment.
				When possible.
Y	N	Goal X		The unit has policies to restrict paper use. Will develop policies.
Y	N	Goal X		The unit uses recycled paper. Will investigate.
Y X	N	Goal		The unit recycles all materials accepted by the university system. <i>As provided by university – paper and cartridges.</i>
Y X	N	Goal		The unit has appropriate recycling bins throughout its offices.
				As provided by university.
Y	N X	Goal		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 available.
Y	N X	Goal		The unit shows preference for sustainable lodging for professional travel.
Y	N X	Goal		The unit uses washable dinner/service ware for its meetings/receptions.
Y		Goal	1(O. The unit purchases/uses remanufactured office furniture.

Y	N X	Goal	11. The unit purchases/uses sustainable materials for office furnishings.
Y X	N	Goal	12. The unit discourages the use of single-occupant automobile travel. <i>When appropriate.</i>
Y	N X	Goal	13 . Classroom, Office and/or Restroom lighting for the unit is controlled by occupancy sensors.
Y	N X		14. The unit's thermostats are set to minimize energy use for heating and cooling.
			We have no control in NQ

<u>Cu</u>	<u>rriculum</u>	
X	N Goal 1	The unit has courses dedicated to issues related to sustainability. One course (POLS347/547).
Y X	N Goal	2. The unit has courses with sustainability content. Several.
Y X	N Goal 3	The unit has courses in which students are encouraged to address sustainability issues in their assignments. Several.
Y	N Goal X 4	The unit recognizes sustainability courses from other departments as legitimate electives for credit in its programs.
Y X	N Goal	The unit has dedicated sustainability courses that can be taken for credit as part of a major or minor outside of the unit. <i>POLS 347</i>

Re	<u>Kesearch</u>			
Y X	N	Goal 1. Members of the unit have conducted research on issues of sustainability in their discipline. Indirectly.		
Y X	N	Goal 2. Members of the unit have published on issues of sustainability in their discipline. Indirectly.		
Y X	N	Goal 3. Members of the unit attend conferences that address issues of sustainability. On Campus – Greening of the Campus.		
Y X	N	Goal 4. Members of the unit belong to associations dedicated to sustainability issues.		
Y	N X	Individual faculty belong to NGOs. 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 X	Goal 1. The unit engages in public and/or outreach activities that address issues of sustainability.
Y		Goal ☐ 2. The unit is in partnership with others in the community in the pursuit of sustainability.
Y		Goal 3. The unit participates in community events that address issues of sustainability.
Y	N X	Goal 4. The unit has initiated community endeavors in pursuit of sustainability.

Draft of Five-Year Sustainability Plan for the Department of Political Science

2007-08

- 1. Review mission statement of the department and bylaws of four current standing committees and incorporate elements of sustainability where appropriate within each.
- 2. Determine baseline usage for paper and other supplies.

No extra resources required.

2008-09

- 1. Encourage electronic handouts for classes and use of electronic grading and testing programs.
- 2. Require double-sided use of paper for all department communications.
- 3. Arrange presentation for faculty on sustainability planning by COTE Executive Committee members.

No extra resources required.

2009-10

1. Establish Task Force to develop and implement ideas for community outreach to local governments on sustainability issues.

Replacement dollars for faculty members coordinating these efforts.

Travel funds for task force.

Additional S&E funds to support task force.

2010-11

1. Plan and organize panels relevant to the politics of sustainability at meetings of state and/or regional professional organizations.

Travel funds.

2011-12

1. Review accomplishments and begin plan for next five-year cycle.