# 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

Fisher Institute for Wellness and Gerontology

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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.

# 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 issues. We do not provide assigned load but have asked our assistant to the chair to serve as our defacto sustainability coordinator; this person brings to the discussion, requests received from students, staff and/or faculty colleagues that have implications for governance or administration. Y N Goal

 $X \square X$  3. The unit has established policies that encourage sustainability initiatives.

The departmental faculty are aware of the university's adopted statement on sustainability (<u>www.bsu.edu/sustainability</u>) and continue to <u>encourage</u> sustainability initiatives among the faculty colleagues, staff and students.

Y N Goal

**Governance and Administration** 

 $\square$  X 4. The unit has sustainability integrated into its mission statement.

The department will consider the possibility of integrating a statement on sustainability into its mission statement during its next revision.

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.
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Y	N	Goal		
		X	1.	The unit purchases/uses Energy Star Office and Telecommunications Equipment.
Y	N	Goal		We will request information on Energy Star rated equipment through university purchasing.
X			2.	The unit has policies to restrict paper use.
				We encourage duplex photocopying and printing, use of electronic duplication of meeting agendas, minutes and related documents.
Y	N	Goal		
X			3.	The unit uses recycled paper.
				We use the 30% recycled content paper made available through Central Stores.
Y	N	Goal		
X			4.	The unit recycles all materials accepted by the university system.
				We use the university's co-mingled recycling waste system; several recycling containers are located prominently in our departmental administrative offices.
Y	N	Goal		
X			5.	The unit has appropriate recycling bins throughout its offices.
				Departmental offices have a dual waste receptacle for faculty and staff to separate garbage from co-mingled recyclable materials (paper, glass, plastics).
Y	N	Goal		
X			6.	The unit has policies that encourage the use of teleconferencing capabilities to limit travel.
				A number of our faculty participate in service capacities with professional organizations using teleconferencing connection; the limited travel budget of our department necessitates this consideration.
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Ш	X	Ш	/.	The unit specifies hybrid electric vehicles for travel.
Y	N	Goal		
	X   8. The unit shows preference for sustainable lodging for professional travel.			
				We may elect to set this as a goal in the next several years. Largely, we need to become more informed about the options before we can take action.
Y	N	Goal		
		X	9.	The unit uses washable dinner/service ware for its meetings/receptions.
				We plan to request washable dinner/service ware for future meetings and receptions.
Y	N	Goal		
	X		10.	The unit purchases/uses remanufactured office furniture.
				We do not purchase or use remanufactured office furniture.
Y	N	Goal		
	□ X □ 11. The unit purchases/uses sustainable materials for office furnishings.			
				We do not purchase or use sustainable materials for office furnishings.
Y	N	Goal		
X			12.	The unit discourages the use of single-occupant automobile travel.
				We have held open discussions about the importance of sustainability, and faculty are encouraged to carpool when possible for travels to conferences.
Y	N	Goal		
		X	13.	Classroom Office and/or Restroom lighting for the unit is controlled by occupancy sensors.
				We will request that all restrooms, offices and classrooms be outfitted with occupancy sensors.

Ш	Ш	X	14.	The unit's thermostats are set to minimize energy use for heating and cooling.				
				We will ask facilities personnel to check our thermostat settings to assure efficient energy use.				
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Y	N	Goal						
	X		1.	The unit has courses dedicated to issues related to sustainability.				
Y	N	Goal						
	X		2.	The unit has courses with sustainability content.				
Y	N	Goal						
	X		3.	The unit has courses in which students are encouraged to address sustainability issues in their assignments.				
Y	N	Goal						
	X		4.	The unit recognizes sustainability courses from other departments as legitimate electives for credit in its programs.				
Y	N	Goal						
	X		5.	The unit has dedicated sustainability courses that can be taken for credit as part of a major or minor outside of the unit.				
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Y	N	Goal						
	X		1.	Members of the unit have conducted research on issues of sustainability in their discipline.				
Y	N	Goal						
	X		2.	Members of the unit have published on issues of sustainability in their discipline.				
Y	N	Goal						
	X		3.	Members of the unit attend conferences that address issues of sustainability.				
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	X		4.	Members of the unit belong to associations dedicated to sustainability issues.					
Y	N	Goal							
	X		5.	The unit has hosted workshops on issues of sustainability.					
Y	N	Goal							
	X		6.	The unit has hosted conferences on issues of sustainability.					
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Y	N	Goal							
X	X \( \subseteq \) \( \subseteq \) The unit engages in public and/or outreach activities that address issues of sustainability.								
				Normal City Fly Fishers river cleanps					
Y	N	Goal							
X	2. The unit is in partnership with others in the community in the pursuit of sustainability.								
				Normal City Fly Fishers					
Y	N	Goal							
$X \square \square 3$ . The unit participates in community events that address issues of sust		The unit participates in community events that address issues of sustainability.							
				One (1) member of our faculty and one (1) of our staff have participated in tree planting efforts in cooperation with RedTail Conservancy and Normal City Fly Fishers.					
Y	N	Goal							
X			4.	The unit has initiated community endeavors in pursuit of sustainability.					
				One (1) of our faculty is actively engaged in the White River Corridor Reclamation Project.					