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## 1. Purpose

- 1.1. To create a culture of sustainability at UPEI.
- 1.2. To establish UPEI as a leader in the community, and within higher education, in sustainable practices.

## 2. Scope

- 2.1. Staff, faculty, students and visitors of UPEI.
- 2.2. Applicable to all University operations including land, facilities, academics, external partnerships and research.

## 3. Definition

- 3.1. **Sustainability** – Meeting the needs of the present without depleting resources or harming natural cycles for future generations; the quality of a state or process that allows it to be maintained indefinitely.
  - 3.1.1. The principles of sustainability integrate and balance the environment, the economy, and society into a system that can be maintained in a healthy state indefinitely.

## 4. Policy

- 4.1. The University of Prince Edward Island recognizes sustainability as a guiding principle in its day-to-day operations. We are committed to providing quality education and research in a manner that is consistent with the definition outlined in this policy.
- 4.2. We will establish a Sustainability Advisory Committee to provide insight and leadership that includes members of the campus community and the community at large.
- 4.3. We will encourage and endeavor to support the integration of sustainability principles into the curriculum across all schools and programs.
- 4.4. We will improve the appearance of the University premises (way finding, green space, etc) to the highest practical standards and promote a sense of community.
- 4.5. We will regularly communicate our sustainability program to the campus and the public, and encourage their support.
- 4.6. We recognize greenhouse causing gases as air pollutants and will reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

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- 4.7. We will adopt a comprehensive management system that will;
  - 4.7.1. Promote the consideration of social, economic, environmental and health concerns and impacts into our decision-making and activities,
  - 4.7.2. Promote sustainability awareness among our employees (through training, education and information), and encourage them to work in a sustainably responsible manner,
  - 4.7.3. Promote waste reduction through re-use and recycling and by purchasing recycled, recyclable or re-furnished products and materials where these alternatives are available, economical and suitable,
  - 4.7.4. Promote the efficient use of materials and resources throughout our facilities including water, energy, raw materials and other resources, particularly those that are non-renewable,
  - 4.7.5. Promote the use of renewable resources (energy, raw materials, etc.) where available, economical and suitable,
  - 4.7.6. Promote the use of products that do not contain hazardous materials.
  - 4.7.7. Promote the purchase and use of sustainable products and services.
  - 4.7.8. Establish a comprehensive system of measurements and key performance indicators to track the university's progress towards a sustainable campus.
- 4.8. We will strive to continually improve our sustainability performance by reviewing our sustainability policy in light of our current and planned future activities every three years.

## **5. Measurements**

- 5.1. With the assistance of the Sustainability Office, departments will integrate performance indicators in key sustainability areas as outlined in this policy with clear goals and targets. Plans will include evaluation guidelines, effective measures of progress, reporting mechanisms and appropriate education support.

## **6. Review**

- 6.1. Progress will be reviewed against established goals and targets through a system of measurement and analysis.
- 6.2. Progress will be reported on an annual basis with quarterly updates.