

The University of Winnipeg Board of Regents

Sustainability Policy

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Purpose:

The University of Winnipeg will maintain a sustainability management system to ensure that University operations, activities, programs and facilities are sustainable.

Scope: This Policy applies to the facilities and activities identified in Appendix “A” – Scope of the Sustainability Policy.

Definitions:

Sustainability means the capacity of a thing, action, activity or process to be maintained indefinitely and meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

Responsibilities:

1. The University will comply with applicable legislative requirements, including federal/provincial statutes, regulations, standards and guidelines, and applicable standards established by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), as amended from time to time.
2. The President is responsible for the maintenance, administration of this Policy, and the communication and promotion of the Policy, both within and outside the University, and will report openly on the University’s sustainability performance at timely intervals.

Accountability:

The University will set and review sustainability objectives from time to time, and audit progress against these objectives.

Goals:

In order to achieve the sustainability management system, the University seeks to meet the following goals:

1. To fulfill its mission and goals as an education and research institution without compromising the ability of present and future generations to fulfill their own goals.
2. To equip students with the skills and knowledge, and encourage research and scholarship, that will enable people to actively contribute to a more sustainable world.
3. To develop academic and research programs, offer services and carry on its activities in such a way as to:
 - a) reduce consumption of non-renewable resources and the wastes generated from them,
 - b) use all renewable materials and energy resources at rates equal to, or lower than, their natural rates of deposition, reformation or reproduction in the ecosphere and,
 - c) reduce and eventually eliminate the toxicity of these operations to the productivity and diversity of the ecosphere.
4. To encourage the development and adoption by students, administration and faculty, of modes of transportation that progressively reduce consumption of non-renewable resources, renewable resources, and energy resources, and that eliminate discharges of toxic substances and wastes to the ecosphere.
5. To integrate environmental, social and economic considerations in all aspects of management decision-making.
6. To further develop its sustainability management system, to address and include the social and economic dimensions of sustainability.
7. To establish decision-making processes, policies and procedures for sustainability which encourage participation by all those affected by the decisions made
8. To continuously improve the University's sustainability management system.

Policy Review

This Policy is to be reviewed in accordance with University policy review practice.