

Administrative Regulation 6:8

Sustainability Advisory Committee

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I. Introduction

This *Administrative Regulation* establishes a campus-wide Sustainability Advisory Committee to focus and coordinate the University's activities within a broad meaning of sustainability. Sustainability implies that the activities of the University of Kentucky are ecologically sound, socially just, and economically viable, and that they will continue to be so for future generations.

II. Entities Affected

This regulation applies to all employees, students, and units of the University.

III. Policy

Because of their missions of research, education, and community engagement, institutions of higher education have a crucial role in advancing the goal of a sustainable society. The University of Kentucky strives to be a leader and role model in the application of sustainability principles and practices and to become a sustainable campus, as reflected in the University's [Statement on Sustainability Policy and Principles](#). A sustainability focus encourages the integration of these principles in curricula, research, and outreach. This principled approach to operational practices and intellectual pursuits prepares students and empowers the campus community to support sustainable development in the Commonwealth and beyond.

IV. Responsibilities

The Sustainability Advisory Committee's responsibilities include:

- A. Promoting the principles outlined in the University's Statement on Sustainability Policy and Principles;
- B. Developing an annual set of committee goals and planned actions designed to further promote and advance an institutional culture of sustainability in the areas of campus business operations, education, research, and community engagement;
- C. Publicizing and communicating current University sustainability initiatives to the University community, in consultation with the Office of Public Relations;
- D. Supporting the work of the Office of Sustainability in developing indicators to measure progress and making recommendations for improvements;
- E. Conducting periodic reviews of the University in terms of sustainability, including an assessment of the completeness and progress of University sustainability efforts as compared to national benchmark institutions;
- F. Sponsoring and promoting campus events, workshops, showcases, exhibits, and symposia focused on enhancing sustainability efforts and practices;
- G. Providing a platform for assisting faculty, staff, and students with sustainability-related initiatives;
- H. Promoting and encouraging sustainable best practices and processes in University facility planning, design, and construction;
- I. Supporting the implementation of the University's Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Commitment; and
- J. Creating and appointing such technical advisory task forces and committees as may be appropriate to advise the Committee and to foster increased opportunities for campus community involvement and input.

IV. Membership

- A. The Committee is appointed by and reports to the President.
- B. The Committee is composed as follows:
 - 1. Two members from University business operations;
 - 2. Three Faculty members;
 - 3. Two student members;
 - 4. One member from Student Success (Vice President for Student Success);
 - 5. One member representing the University research mission (Vice President for Research);
 - 6. One member from Environmental Management;
 - 7. One member from UK Public Relations (non-voting);

8. One member from the Lexington Fayette Urban County Government;
9. One member from the Tracy Farmer Institute for Sustainability and the Environment;
10. Up to four members at large;
11. The Sustainability Coordinator (Ex Officio);
12. The Vice President for Facilities Management or designee (Ex Officio); and
13. The Sustainability Manager for UK Dining (Ex Officio).

C. Members are normally appointed for staggered three-year terms.

D. The Committee must select two (2) co-chairs from the Committee membership.

V. Meetings

The members of the Committee will meet regularly during the academic year. Meeting agendas will be distributed in advance to members and be publicized on campus.

VI. Reporting

The Committee will publish and present to the President an annual report each August on University sustainability activities undertaken during the reporting period. The annual report will also provide information regarding progress in meeting goals in campus business operations, education, research, and community engagement and establish Committee goals and action items for the following year.

VII. References

[Statement on Sustainability Policy and Principles](#)

[Campus Master Plan](#)

[Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Commitment](#)

[UK Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Reporting System Report \(STARS\)](#)

Revision History

5/1/2008, 5/6/2011, 7/10/2018, (4/5/2022 Updated titles “Student and Academic Life” to “Student Success”)
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