



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY CHANNEL ISLANDS POLICY MANUAL

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Policy on Sustainable Practices

PURPOSE:

This policy is to provide general guidance about efficient and environmentally sustainable use of resources by the campus community.

BACKGROUND:

CSU Channel Islands places a high value on being an environmentally sustainable campus. Sustainability has been a longstanding strategic focus for the campus. In recent years CI achieved significant success in conservation, demonstrating leadership through innovative practices, and educating the campus community about responsible stewardship of resources. This policy will aid CI and campus units in their efforts to become more sustainable and in complying with California State University policy.

POLICY:

Accountability:

Provost, Vice Presidents and the Sustainability Task Force

Applicability:

All divisions, departments and programs within the University structure.

Definition(s):

Sustainability – Sustainability focuses on dynamic relationships among the environment, economy, and society. Sustainability encompasses how environmental and ecological issues are intertwined with economic, social, and health wellness, and how human society's actions interconnect with these issues. Being sustainable requires addressing these issues so as to meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

For the purposes of this policy, sustainability is defined as stewardship of resources so as to meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to maintain their environment and meet their own needs.

Policy Text:

California State University Channel Islands (CI) is committed to minimizing its impact on the environment, and reducing its consumption of non-renewable resources while supporting efforts to promote a more environmentally and financially sustainable campus and community.



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All campus units will carefully consider both long and short term environmental implications associated with their use of resources.

The CI community will work together to increase the sustainability of the campus through:

- Efficient use of energy and water
- Responsible purchasing, procurement and handling of goods and services
- Promotion of public and alternative transportation options for students, staff and faculty
- Delivery of curricular and co-curricular programs that promote environmental awareness
- Development and delivery of training programs that equip members of the campus community to be better stewards of the CI campus
- Promotion and support of student-led sustainability efforts
- Promotion of recycling and responsible management of waste materials
- Housing and Residential Education activities that promote the value of sustainable choices
- Creation and implementation of administrative, financial, and operational practices that support the campus sustainability goals
- Environmentally responsible provision of food and commercial services
- Utilization of recognized best practices in the design, construction and operation of facilities and grounds to conserve energy, water and materials

CI will comply with relevant CSU executive orders concerning environmentally sustainable practices. As an institution, CI will measure and demonstrate its commitment to sustainability by working to achieve and maintain a campus platinum rating using the AASHE STARS sustainability rating system. While some units and individuals may have specific roles and tasks related to sustainability, each campus unit is expected to contribute to creating a more sustainable campus. Campus divisions will support sustainability efforts by collecting appropriate data, identifying a sustainability lead or coordinator, demonstrating leadership in implementing sustainable practices, and including information about divisional efforts in their annual reports. Campus divisions will consider the balance between immediate financial needs of the campus and long term sustainability impacts when making significant policy or operational decisions.



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EXHIBIT(S):

CSU policies and reports related to sustainability - <http://www.calstate.edu/cpdc/sustainability/policies-reports/>

CI Sustainability Progress Report (2/13/14) - <http://www.csuci.edu/sustainability/sustainabilityreport.pdf>

STARS rating for CI - <https://stars.aashe.org/institutions/california-state-university-channel-islands-ca/report/2011-06-30/>