

UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA POLICY

Policy:	SUSTAINABILITY
Effective Date:	January 25, 2011
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Approving Body:	Board of Governors; Senate and the Vice-President (Administration)
Authority:	
Responsible Executive Officers:	Vice-President (Administration) and Vice-President (Academic)
Delegate:	Associate Vice-President (Administration)
Contact:	Manager, Office of the Associate Vice-President (Administration)
Application:	Board of Governors members; Senate members; Faculty/School Councils; Students; All Staff

Part I Reason for Policy

- 1.1 The World Commission on Environment and Development defined Sustainable Development as development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. Broadly speaking, sustainable development is fundamentally about decision-making that balances economic growth together with the social well-being of individuals and the community and the protection of the natural environment.
- 1.2 The University is a signatory to the Halifax Declaration, the Talloires Declaration and the University and College Presidents' Climate Change Statement of Action for Canada by which it agreed to demonstrate a clear commitment to the principles and practices of sustainable development and climate protection.
- 1.3 The University of Manitoba, in compliance with the Sustainable Development Act, adopted financial management guidelines for evaluating the sustainability of programs and activities and procurement guidelines that require the consideration of sustainable development principles in procurement decisions.
- 1.4 The University is already strong in promoting many sustainable initiatives. A policy statement in this regard will provide a framework for existing and future initiatives and foster a University culture that comprehensively and consistently supports and promotes values and principles of sustainability.

Part II Policy Content

- 2.1 The University seeks to become a leader in campus sustainability. This entails attention to the wise use of natural resources, pollution prevention, remediation of adverse environmental impacts, full-cost accounting, implementing sustainable targets and protocols and subsequently assessing their achievement, and continuing development and promotion of sustainable development initiatives.
- 2.2 The University of Manitoba shall integrate sustainability principles in all levels of its strategic planning and within its academic and administrative processes.
- 2.3 Our community – faculty, staff, students, alumni and neighbours – shall be broadly involved and encouraged to participate in sustainability planning and initiatives at the University. Priorities will be established in a participatory manner and in recognition of potential financial constraints.

Part III Accountability

- 3.1 The Office of Legal Counsel is responsible for advising the Vice-President (Administration) and Vice-President (Academic) that a formal review of this Policy is required.
- 3.2 The Associate Vice-President (Administration) is responsible for the implementation, administration and review of this Policy.
- 3.3 Board of Governors members, Senate members, Faculty/School Councils, students and all staff are responsible for complying with this Policy.

Part IV Authority to Approve Procedures

- 4.1 The Vice-President (Administration) or Vice-President (Academic), may approve Procedures, if applicable, which are secondary to and comply with this Policy.

Part V Review

- 5.1 Governing Document reviews shall be conducted every ten (10) years. The next scheduled review date for this Policy is January 25, 2021.
- 5.2 In the interim, this Policy may be revised or repealed if:
 - (a) the Vice-President (Administration) or Vice-President (Academic), or the Approving Body deems it necessary or desirable to do so;
 - (b) the Policy is no longer legislatively or statutorily compliant; and/or
 - (c) the Policy is now in conflict with another Governing Document.
- 5.3 If this Policy is revised or repealed all Secondary Documents, if applicable, shall be reviewed as soon as possible in order that they:
 - (a) comply with the revised Policy; or

- (b) are in turn repealed.

Part VI
Effect on Previous Statements

- 6.1 This Policy supersedes all of the following:
 - (a) all previous Board of Governors/Senate Governing Documents on the subject matter contained herein; and
 - (b) all previous Administration Governing Documents on the subject matter contained herein.

Part VII
Cross References

- 7.1 This Policy should be cross referenced to the following relevant Governing Documents, legislation and/or forms:
 - (a) [Purchasing Policy](#)