

Sustainability

The Oregon State Board of Higher Education recognizes the importance of the Oregon University System in making Oregon a living laboratory for teaching, testing and practicing excellence in sustainability. For purposes of this policy, "sustainability" means using, developing and protecting resources in a manner that enables people to meet current needs and provides that future generations can also meet future needs, from the joint perspective of environmental, economic and community objectives (OR5 184.423).

The Board is committed to developing, implementing and continuously improving the Sustainability Plan for the Oregon University System adopted by the Board and approved by the Oregon Sustainability Board in 2004 pursuant to Executive Order 03-03. To promote collaboration among all universities in the Oregon University System, partnerships with the Oregon University System and equal access by diverse communities, businesses, government and non-government organizations, it is the policy of the Board to:

1. Build on Oregon's "green" brand to attract the best and brightest students, faculty and staff to our universities from Oregon, across the country and around the world to explore how we can live sustainably on Earth.
2. Provide all students, faculty and staff the opportunity to understand the key aspects and consequences of sustainability and explore how sustainable practices can integrate in their personal and professional lives.
3. Support economic development in Oregon by developing the work force needed to support and grow sustainable businesses and industries.
4. Create an environment of innovation around sustainable technologies, processes and practices that contribute nationally and internationally to sustainable development and attract businesses to Oregon to take advantage of the knowledge we create.
5. Make our campuses, facilities and events models of sustainable design, construction and operations, meeting or exceeding national and international performance standards.
6. Engage communities and industry throughout Oregon to help them develop sustainably using the knowledge and expertise of the universities.

Institution presidents have primary responsibility for developing and implementing this policy. The Chancellor is responsible for convening, coordinating and enabling the presidents in this effort and for developing consistent performance metrics. The Chancellor shall evaluate the performance of the presidents and other officers reporting to him in the implementation of this policy.

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