Policy: <u>Campus Sustainability</u> Policy Number: <u>K-6</u>

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Policy Statement

Finger Lakes Community College policies, practices, and decisions should, whenever possible, embody sustainable principles that are environmentally sound, socially just, and economically viable. Policies, practices and decisions should be made using approaches that reduce life cycle costs, restore or maintain the functioning of natural systems, and enhance human well-being. Decisions and actions will be guided by the College's mission and vision statement, reflective of its resources, and informed by the Strategic Plan.

Reason for Policy

Finger Lakes Community College is a supportive, learning-centered environment that empowers our students, provides enriching life experiences, and enhances the quality of life throughout our community. This includes excellence in advancing environmental stewardship and sustainability in our campus operations, academic programs, and in our public service and outreach activities to students and the community.

Applicability of the Policy

This policy applies to the Canandaigua campus, all campus centers, and other sites as appropriate.

Definition

Sustainability refers to societal efforts that meet the needs of present users without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. Sustainability presumes that the planet's resources are finite, and should be used conservatively, wisely, and equitably. Decisions and investments aimed to promote sustainability will simultaneously advance economic vitality, ecological integrity, and social welfare.

Related Documents

- American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment
- FLCC's Climate Action Plan

Procedures

No separate procedures statement

Forms/Online Documents

None

Appendix

None