

Ch3-s6-01**Sustainability**

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PURPOSE

Confederation College is committed to sustainability leadership internally and in northwestern Ontario by promoting awareness through its curriculum, research, policies and actions.

SCOPE

All staff and students contribute to developing and supporting a sustainable culture at Confederation College.

DEFINITIONS

This includes an explanation of terms and abbreviations used within the policy and procedure.

Word/Term**Definition**

Sustainability

Sustainability includes environmental, economic and social dimensions. This policy is exclusive of business sustainability, which is encompassed through a number of the Board of Governors' Executive Limitations.

POLICY

Confederation College is committed to the promotion, practice and pursuit of excellence in sustainability through:

- Compliance with applicable laws and requirements;
- Conservation of natural resources and the prevention of pollution;
- Continuous improvement in order to maintain the highest sustainability standards and practices;
- Create a culture of sustainability for students, staff, faculty and the community; and
- Observation of Indigenous principles of an interconnectedness to the natural world.

Action**Responsibility****1. Protocol****Staff and Students**

Confederation College will:

- a) incorporate the principles and best practices of sustainability in corporate documents and reports such as mission statements, strategic plans, annual reports, and policies;
- b) develop an institutional sustainability plan that includes mechanisms for tracking progress;
- c) integrate the principles of sustainability within curriculum, where applicable, to enable students and communities to develop competencies and commitment to contribute to a sustainable future;
- d) incorporate sustainability practices in procedures and operations such as green standards for buildings, alternate energy sources, energy efficient transportation, products, and services;
- e) integrate sustainability principles in cultural, sports, recreational and other activities;
- f) participate in sustainability networks and consortia, sharing exemplary practices, research, and models; and work collaboratively with government, business and the communities of northwestern Ontario to develop and implement joint strategies to move society toward sustainability.

2. General Principles**Staff and Students**

The College is committed to sustainability stewardship and focusing on goals that will achieve positive ecological, economic and social outcomes, including but not limited to:

- a) Reducing our carbon footprint by increasing the use of renewable energy sources and implementing energy efficiency and conservation programs;
- b) Inspiring students and staff to nurture sustainability values and enhancing environmental literacy through curriculum and training programs;
- c) Facilitating applied research on sustainability through encouragement of ingenuity and creativity amongst students and staff;
- d) Reducing the use of toxic substances and the generation of waste through education and encouragement about the importance of waste reduction;

- e) Encouraging partnerships, in relation to sustainability, with Indigenous (First Nations, Métis and Inuit) communities across Northwestern Ontario and beyond;
- f) Enriching the health of the campus ecosystem through integration of sustainable principles in grounds maintenance;
- g) Using best management practices in the design of new buildings and the renovation of existing infrastructure;
- h) Promoting and supporting programs and organizations that enhance sustainability at the College, locally and in the region;
- i) Increasing access to and availability of sustainable transportation; and
- j) Following a set of procurement policies that include environmental, socially and fiscally responsibility criteria when making purchasing decisions.

3. Confederation College Sustainability Committee

A College Sustainability Advisory Committee (CSAC) will be responsible for the oversight of this policy. The CSAC will develop an annual work plan and timelines and will report quarterly to the Senior Team on activities and accomplishments. The CSAC will include representatives of all stakeholders including students, full and part time employees and community representatives of northwestern Ontario.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Forms that are generated by the procedure should be listed and included as an appendix.

Not Applicable

RELATED POLICIES

2-2-01 Purchasing Practice

2-2-04 Disposal / Trade-In of Surplus/Obsolete/Unusable Goods

4-4-07 Workplace Hazardous Material Information System (W.H.M.I.S.)

7-2-04 Surplus Computer Equipment and Disposal

RELATED MATERIALS

Sustainability Website –

<http://www.confederationcollege.ca/sustainability>

SUCCI

<http://www.confederationcollege.ca/student-life/succi-services/sustainability>

Campus Sustainability Plan –

<http://www.confederationcollege.ca/sustainability/campus-sustainability-plan>

Sustainability Achievements –

<http://www.confederationcollege.ca/sustainability/achievements-0>

Community Garden –

<http://www.confederationcollege.ca/sustainability/community-garden>