UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA

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Title: Sustainability Policy

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Category: Administration

Applies to: Staff,Faculty,Department

Contact: Facilities Management, Physical Plant

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Policy Statement: Use of resources:

- Continued production of bio-diesel fuel for use in campus vehicles
- Continued purchase of wind power
- Development of high performance, sustainable campus buildings consistent with LEED standards for all new construction and major renovation, including the use of facility commissioning where possible within financial limitations
- Employment of technology to reduce the need for paper and fossil fuel
- Continued management of the disposal of campus assets with the options of reuse first, recycling second and disposal last

Research and education:

- Pursuit and exploration of new areas of energy conservation
- Continued research and use of clean and natural energy
- Development of educational and training programs to raise awareness and promote a culture of energy conservation and responsible energy use

Reduction of negative impacts:

- Encouragement of the purchase of environmentally friendly products and services wherever possible
- On-going review of supplies used on campus to identify energy efficient and/or environmentally friendly alternatives
- Increased landscaping efforts, following "green" principles in the design and execution of installation of drought tolerant and native plants and grasses, and efficient irrigation systems
- Continued proactive management of the disposal of hazardous products to ensure no environmental damage
- Development of a campus-wide multi-product recycling program and promotion of its use by the campus community
- Reduction of those activities that contribute to pollution and global warming, as resources permit

- Awareness of environmental laws, regulations, and guidelines that work to protect the earth's resources and improve the ecological assets in our stewardship

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