

Office of Environmental Sustainability 2007 Work Plan

Office Administration, Promotion, and Education

- Work with College Relations to develop and launch Office of Environmental Sustainability Web site and listserv
- Secure suitable office space that provides ready and direct access to students, faculty, staff, administrators and other key constituents
 - Remodel/furnish the space as needed to model sustainability
- Work to promote campus sustainability efforts through Web sites, press releases, articles, outreach, tabling, events, committees, student & community groups, etc.
- Hold monthly “Green Tea” meetings with student groups
- Hire student assistants to work with the office on projects and increase the amount of funding available for future fiscal years

Energy Production and Use

- Define appropriate metrics and conduct a GHG inventory for the college
- Prepare a Campus Climate Action Plan
 - Assess the impacts of the college’s current level of emissions, develop indicators and targets for continual improvement, outline a specific implementation plan and priorities for improvement
- Develop a policy for integrating increased energy efficiency targets directed towards eventual climate neutrality into project proposal requirements.
 - Assess the cost and feasibility of achieving various levels of increased energy efficiency in new construction and major renovations before project budgets have been established. Develop targets for continual improvement, a specific implementation plan, and consider establishing a target date for climate neutrality.
- Work with OMLPS to pursue investing in additional renewable energy resources

Grounds

- Conduct one or more demonstration projects of innovative sustainability measures such as green roofs, rain gardens, native landscaping, Integrated Pest Management, etc.

Facilities Construction, Modernization, and Maintenance

- Engage in new facilities planning and assist in implementing the college's commitment to LEED Silver certification

- Work with Facilities Planning and Construction to conduct energy audits of all existing facilities and develop a multi-year plan for implementing a broad range of energy efficiency retrofits, replacements and repairs on a budget neutral, paid-from-savings basis. As appropriate, obtain LEED-EB certification.

- Work with Facilities Planning and Construction to conduct a comprehensive planning process to identify the large scale, long-term capital improvements needed to achieve climate neutrality, prioritize these needed improvements, and create a budget and timeline for implementation. As appropriate, obtain LEED-EB certification. Consider integrating this needs assessment into the college's upcoming capital campaign.

Transportation

- As part of the GHG inventory and Campus Climate Action Plan, assess the College's commuting and air travel impacts
 - Consider integrating these components into a Fall 2007 course

Materials, Purchasing, Reuse and Disposal

- Assist in finalizing the college's purchasing policy, work with Purchasing to successfully implement it, and educate the college community on making appropriate purchasing decisions