

PROCEDURES MEMORANDUM

TO: MCC Employees and Students

FROM: Office of the President

SUBJECT: Environmental Sustainability

DATE: August 10, 2022

PURPOSE: To establish uniform procedures for implementing a Collegewide environmental sustainability program, as directed by Board Policy 90113

SCOPE: This procedure applies to all employees and students.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES:

MCC Board Policy 90113 states: Environmental sustainability is an essential goal of the Board. Global warming, diminishing resources, escalating costs of energy, and waste management require that managers and employees at all levels of the College focus on the efficient and effective use of energy and resources. This policy expresses the intent of the Board of Governors to implement a collegewide environmental sustainability program within the constraints of current staff and budget authorizations.

While it is understood that all MCC personnel and departments play an important role in environmental sustainability, the ultimate responsibility for collegewide oversight is assigned to the Facilities Operations area. Managers and employees at all levels of the College are expected to support the ongoing environmental sustainability management efforts. As such, MCC's sustainability policy is continuously evolving and is intended to be implemented collegewide to the greatest extent practicable. The specific manner in which certain areas of the College are to implement and support the environmental sustainability management efforts are, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Academics

- A. Operations and facilities planning shall be coordinated with educational master planning in general, and with sustainable educational programming in particular, to maximize both apprenticeship and job training opportunities for students, as well as to maximize environmental sustainability teaching and learning opportunities in educational programs.
- B. Sustainability topics shall be infused within Academic programming, to the extent possible.

2. Operations

- A. MCC's daily operations will reflect its commitment to being a leader in sustainability by reducing, reusing, and recycling resources.
- B. MCC adheres to comprehensive institutional conservation practices to enhance the long-term well-being of the College and surrounding community. These initiatives will primarily focus on energy, water, transportation, and purchasing.
- C. MCC will adhere to adopted design standards (e.g., LEED Certification) in consideration with facilities master planning and will continue to update as necessary.

3. Engagement

- A. MCC will encourage community, student, faculty, and staff participation in sustainability initiatives.
- B. MCC will extend sustainability knowledge and practices through non-credit classes and community outreach activities.

4. Planning and Governance

- A. MCC will use the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education's (AASHE) Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS) as the benchmark and tracking platform to establish rankings of our efforts with regional peers. MCC will submit a verified STARS Report to AASHE every three years at a minimum.
- B. MCC will develop and track measures of progress of the established initiatives of conservation and efficiency of energy, water, transportation, and purchasing.
- C. The Facilities Operations department, will establish appropriate working committees to develop and implement strategies to further MCC sustainability goals.

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