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I. PURPOSE & INTENT

- A.** The mission of the University of South Florida - Tampa (hereafter “USF”) is to educate, research, design, and build sustainable, healthy communities and to create a community of learners together with significant and sustainable University-community partnerships and collaborations. The guiding values that empower this mission include social, economic, and environmental sustainability, which promote conserving resources, reducing waste, recycling and reusing materials, finding new sources of clean energy, increasing energy efficiency, and diminishing life-cycle impacts and our consumption of greenhouse gas producing materials.
- B.** Toward accomplishing the University’s mission, USF is a signatory of the American College and University Presidents’ Climate Commitment (hereafter “ACUPCC”) and a charter participant of the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System (hereafter “STARS”), both administered by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education.
- C.** As a member of the ACUPCC, USF has established the Office of Sustainability to coordinate and build partnerships for University-wide initiatives that advance USF’s strategic goal of creating a sustainable campus environment. In pursuit of this mission and as required by the ACUPCC, the USF Office of Sustainability has prepared a long term Climate Action Plan (hereafter “CAP”), which provides certain recommendations related to sustainability issues for policy promulgation at USF.

II. STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A.** The Office of Sustainability oversees USF’s efforts to follow the recommendations documented in the CAP.

- B. The CAP, which includes the greenhouse gas emissions inventory for USF, will be updated on an annual basis.
- C. The Office of Sustainability has the authority and responsibility to coordinate the efforts of Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, Administrative Services, and Business and Finance in the compilation of data to complete the reporting requirements of STARS.
- D. The USF President/Chief Executive Officer and Board of Trustees will be updated on the progress of the CAP and STARS on an annual basis.

III. DEFINITION OF TERM

For purposes of this policy, the term *sustainability* refers to the capacity to meet the social, economic, and environmental needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

IV. PRIORITIES FOR STEPS TOWARD INSTITUTIONAL SUSTAINABILITY

The CAP emphasizes certain strategies to reduce carbon dioxide emissions over time. These strategies are aligned with specific scopes of greenhouse gas emissions to better leverage and focus institutional strengths and to set periodic (five-year) priorities for resource allocations. The strategies collectively focus on improvements to the designed and built environments (including water management), transportation, energy, and consumption (waste and recycling) through policy promulgation, education and awareness campaigns, and updates to the Tampa Campus Master Plan, among other action steps.

- A. The designed environment includes, but is not limited to: campus design, open space network, greenway expansion, integrated landscape, forestation, xeriscape development, waterscape improvement, irrigation, and conservation.
- B. The built environment includes, but is not limited to: materials reuse and building renovation, retrofitting, green building, smart masonry, materials conservation, materials recycling, recycled content materials, renewable building materials, biodegradable materials, building orientation, green roofs, **rainwater** harvesting, low-flow water fixtures, dual-plumbing, greywater reuse, and water metering.
- C. Transportation includes, but is not limited to: pedestrian and bicycle commuting, bus system, commuter options, motor vehicle idling, mass transit, parking, campus fleet, and air travel.

- D. Energy includes, but is not limited to: monitoring, commissioning, conservation, recovery, and renewable energy.
- E. Consumption includes, but is not limited to: procurement, dining services, waste reduction (including paper), general recycling, electronic equipment reuse and recycling, and recycling construction debris.

***Current Responsible Office: Academic Affairs**

***Refer to the appropriate Responsible Office website for a current name of the Vice President or other Responsible Officer.**

This Policy has been updated to reflect a consolidated USF. As additional substantive or technical amendments are identified to conform to new processes as needed, those additional amendments will be made and posted. During the transition period, questions regarding how the Policy is to be applied may be submitted to the noted Responsible Office.

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