UAlbany Campus Sustainability Opinion Survey: Student

Survey Description and Informed Consent

The University at Albany is conducting research regarding student and employee perceptions of sustainability on campus. The purpose of this survey is to determine how people at UAlbany view sustainability and behaviors related to energy conservation, recycling, and other sustainability topics. For this survey, sustainability is defined as efforts that have a positive impact on the environment, society, and the economy, and campus sustainability is considered efforts that minimize resource consumption in order to have a positive impact on the environment, society, and the economy.

The information gathered from the survey will contribute to UAlbany's Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS) report for the Assessing Sustainability Culture credit, and will be used to create educational programming related to sustainability on the UAlbany campus. The survey will also contribute to a SUNY ESF PhD student's dissertation research.

Participation in this survey is voluntary. Participation in the study will require answering a variety of questions related to your perceptions of sustainability and your sustainability related behaviors on campus. Completing the questionnaire will take approximately 15 minutes of your time.

Your answers will remain anonymous and your responses will not be linked to you personally. You can stop the questionnaire at any time or you can refuse to answer any questions. Withdrawing from the project will not result in any negative consequences for you.

Your participation in this survey poses very little risk to you. The questions being asked relate to your personal behaviors and attitudes toward sustainability. There is a small risk that answering certain questions about your sustainability behaviors could make you uncomfortable if you feel like your behavior is being judged. Please answer the questions accurately and honestly. Remember that your responses will remain anonymous and you can choose to not answer questions or stop the questionnaire at any time.

All respondents who fill out the entire survey will entered into a drawing and eligible to receive a \$50 UAS gift card.

If you have questions about the project you may contact Mary Ellen Mallia, Environmental Sustainability Director at UAlbany, at 518-442-2601 or mmallia@albany.edu. You may also contact Sean Vormwald, PhD student at SLINV FSF, at 607-351-8013 or spyormwa@syr.edu

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•	y checking "Yes" below you agree to participate in this research study. You may also check "No" below an our answers will not be included in the study.
1.	I am 18 years of age or older, and I wish to participate in this research study.
	□ Yes □ No

Role on Campus

2.		nat best describes your role at UAlbany?
		faculty
		itaff
		Administrator
		Undergraduate Student
		Graduate Student
		Other (please specify)
Sti	uder	nt General Sustainability Questions
		2'd like to know more about your sustainability opinions. Out of these topics related to environmental
		tainability, which are most important to you? (check the top five that you think apply):
		Alternative Transportation
		Carbon Emissions
		Climate Change
		Community development
		Economic Equity
		Energy Conservation/Efficiency
		Environmental Justice
		Exercise and Recreation
		Green Building
		Green Purchasing
		Health and Well Being
		Healthy Eating
		Human Rights
		Investment of funds in sustainable companies
		Local food
		Pollution control
		Poverty
		Preservation of Green Spaces on Campus
		Preservation of Natural Resources
		Recycling
		Social interactions
		Sustainable dining practices
		Worker's Rights
		Waste Reduction
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4.		ew the possible initiatives below and indicate choose the top five initiatives you would most like to see
		e university pursue within the next two years.
		Hold more Farmer's Markets on campus
		Implement the use of reusable containers in the food court
		Install more water bottle filling stations
		Create a sustainability certificate program
		Ban the distribution of plastic bags in campus outlets
		Establish an optional student green fee Increase yegan and yegetarian options in the dining halls, food court and catering

 □ Achieve a biodiversity certification □ Offer composting option for the second option of straws □ Create 1 credit courses on suggarden, waste diversion praction option optio	he dorms and apartme lable for purchase in t in campus center outle tainable practices (i.e. ices) or group trips/academi in the dining halls Friendly Status from the	ent comp he 518 N ets and/ managii c travel	e of Americ	to pape lony, bu	er straws uild a perm	
Student Perceptions of Sustainability	y in Academics					
5. In your experience during the last following?	and/or current school	year, ab	out how of	ten hav	e you don	e each of the
Tollowing:		Never(1)	Sometimes (2)	Often (3)	Very Often (4)	
Completed an assign the sustainability of s						
Made significant cont project	ributions in a group					
Integrated knowledge academic disciplines project	•					
Completed an assignment our responsibilities to						
6. During the last and/or current sch mental activities?	nool year, how much h	as your o	coursework	empha Quite a bit (3)	Sized the f Very Much (4)	⁻ ollowing
Understanding the conduction between economic, so	•					
Evaluating the moral or environmental pro						
Comprehending ways activities may exceed capacity of systems the	the carrying					
7. During the last and/or current sch	ool year, about how o	ften have Never(1)	e you done Sometimes (2)	each of Often (3)	the follow Very Often (4)	ving?

Participated in a campus or community

sustainability project

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Gone	on a field trip in your bioregion				
8. To what extent do	es UAlbany emphasize each of the fol	lowing? Very little (1)	Some (2)	Quite a bit (3)	Very Much (4)
	g responsibility for the welfare of communities				
Learn	ing about sustainability				
	rstanding local economies and/or estems				
9. To what extent ha	as your experience at UAlbany contrib	uted to y	our knowle	edge, sk	ills, and pe

Altered your behavior to become more

9 al development in the following areas?

	Very little (1)	Some (2)	Quite a bit (3)	Very Much (4)
Articulating a vision of a just and sustainable society				
Acquiring skills to lead or facilitate group activities				
Understanding the consequences of your choices				
Understanding the economic dimensions of sustainability				
Acquiring the skills to help organizations become more sustainable				
Understanding issues of social justice				
Persevering in achieving long-term goals despite adversity				

Student Sustainability Opinions

10. On a scale of 1 to 7 where 1 is "Strongly disagree" and 7 is "Strongly agree", please choose your level of agreement with each statement below.

	Strongly disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Somewhat Disagree (3)	Neither agree nor disagree (4)	Somewhat agree (5)	Agree (6)	Strongly Agree (7)
Equal rights for all people strengthens a community.							
Community cooperation is necessary to solve social problems.							
Generally speaking consumerism is not sustainable.							
Access to clean water is a universal human right.							
I am willing to put forth a little more effort in my daily life to reduce my environmental impact.							
An unsustainable economy values personal wealth at the costs of others.							
I believe that many people can work together to solve global problems.							
Clean air is part of a good life.							
Our present consumption of natural resources will result in serious environmental challenges for future generations.							
The well-being of others affects me.							
Biological diversity in itself is good.							
I think it is important for sustainability issues to be addressed on college and university campuses.							
It's important to me for UAlbany to be a leader in sustainability.							
I think everyone needs to do their part to help with campus sustainability.							
I believe our collective actions can make a difference on campus sustainability issues.							

Student Sustainability Behaviors on Campus

11. We'd like to know more about the sustainability actions you've taken on campus. On a scale of 1 to 7

where 1 is "Strongly disagree" and 7 is "Strongly agree", please choose your level of agreement with each statement below.

	Strongly disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Somewhat Disagree (3)	Neither agree nor disagree (4)	Somewhat agree (5)	Agree (6)	Strongly Agree (7)
I consider the impact my actions will have on sustainability issues while on campus.							
I act in ways that have a positive impact on sustainability issues while on campus.							
I encourage other people to adopt sustainability behaviors on campus.							
I turn off lights when I leave an unoccupied room on campus when I can.							
I use natural daylight instead of artificial lights on campus when I can.							
I power down my computer and other electronic equipment at the end of the day on campus when I can.							
I try to minimize the amount of electricity I use on campus when I can.							
I recycle paper, plastic, and metal waste on campus when I can.							
I use a reusable water bottle or mug on campus when I can.							
I bring my own water bottle, mug, and/or utensils to events on campus when I can.							
I try to minimize the amount of waste I generate on campus when I can.							
I walk, bike, carpool, or take public transit to campus when I can.							
I minimize my consumption of meat, dairy, and other animal products on campus when I can. (Please consider this whether you buy food on campus or bring food from off campus.)							
I eat locally grown or organic food on campus when I can. (Please consider this whether you buy food on campus or bring food from off campus.)							

12. We'd like to know more about what you think of UAlbany's campus sustainability efforts. On a scale of 1 to 7 where 1 is "Strongly disagree" and 7 is "Strongly agree", please choose your level of agreement with each statement below. We are interested in your perceptions, so there are no right or wrong answers.

	Strongly disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Somewhat Disagree (3)	Neither agree nor disagree (4)	Somewhat agree (5)	Agree (6)	Strongly Agree (7)
It seems to me that UAlbany is genuinely committed to sustainability on campus.							
It seems to me that UAlbany is doing a good job related to sustainability on campus.							
It seems to me that UAlbany implements practices aimed at improving campus sustainability.							
It seems to me that UAlbany measures and tracks sustainability-related metrics on campus.							
It seems to me that UAlbany has policies, procedures, and/or strategic plans in place that promote sustainability on campus.							
It seems to me that UAlbany communicates the importance of sustainability to the campus community.							
It seems to me that UAlbany encourages people to act in ways that improve campus sustainability.							
It seems to me that UAlbany offers incentives, recognition, or other support to increase sustainability related courses, research, and/or operational initiatives on campus.							
It seems to me that UAlbany provides sustainability related learning opportunities for students outside of the classroom.							
It seems to me that UAlbany provides sustainability related learning opportunities for employees.							
It seems to me that UAlbany has created an atmosphere where people are expected to support campus sustainability initiatives.							
The sense around here is that sustainability is important at UAlbany.							
People seem to care about sustainability at UAlbany.							

Student Perceptions of Campus Sustainability Behaviors

13. We'd like to know more about what you think of sustainability related behaviors on campus (such as

energy conservation, recycling, waste reduction, alternative transportation, food choice, etc). On a scale of 1 to 7 where 1 is "Strongly disagree" and 7 is "Strongly agree", please choose your level of agreement with each statement below.

	Strongly disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Somewhat Disagree (3)	Neither agree nor disagree (4)	Somewhat agree (5)	Agree (6)	Strongly Agree (7)
It's easy to act in ways that improve campus sustainability with my everyday behavior.							
It's convenient to act in ways that improve campus sustainability with my everyday behavior.							
It doesn't take much extra effort to act in ways that improve campus sustainability with my everyday behavior.							
I enjoy acting in ways that improve campus sustainability with my everyday behavior.							
I feel good about acting in ways that improve campus sustainability with my everyday behavior.							
It's important to act in ways that improve sustainability on campus.							
Acting in ways that improve campus sustainability with my everyday behavior has a positive impact.							
Acting in ways that improve campus sustainability with my everyday behavior helps make a difference on important issues.							
Acting in ways that improve campus sustainability with my everyday behavior is worthwhile.							
There is much value to acting in ways that improve campus sustainability with my everyday behavior.							
My friends at UAlbany think I should act in ways that improve campus sustainability with my everyday behavior.							
Students in my major think I should act in ways that improve campus sustainability with my everyday behavior.							
UAlbany students in general think I should act in ways that improve campus sustainability with my everyday behavior.							
My professors think I should act in ways that improve campus sustainability with my everyday behavior.							
Campus leaders think I should act in ways that improve campus sustainability with my everyday behavior.							

Student Perceptions of Campus Sustainability Behaviors (Continued)

	Strongly disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Somewhat Disagree (3)	Neither agree nor disagree (4)	Somewhat agree (5)	Agree (6)	Strongly Agree (7)
My friends at UAlbany act in ways that improve campus sustainability with their everyday behavior.							
Students in my major act in ways that improve campus sustainability with their everyday behavior.							
UAlbany students in general act in ways that improve campus sustainability with their everyday behavior.							
My professors act in ways that improve campus sustainability with their everyday behavior.							
Campus leaders act in ways that improve campus sustainability with their everyday behavior.							
I have the ability to act in ways that improve campus sustainability with my everyday behavior.							
I know how to act in ways that improve campus sustainability with my everyday behavior.							
If I wanted to, I could act in ways that improve campus sustainability with my everyday behavior.							
I am capable of acting in ways that improve campus sustainability with my everyday behavior.							
I am able to act in ways that improve campus sustainability with my everyday behavior.							
I can choose whether I act in ways that improve campus sustainability with my everyday behavior.							
I have control over whether I act in ways that improve campus sustainability with my everyday behavior.							
It's mostly up to me whether I act in ways that improve campus sustainability with my everyday behavior.							
I get to decide whether I act in ways that improve campus sustainability with my everyday behavior.							
I am free to act in ways that improve campus sustainability with my everyday behavior.							

Student Intentions for Future Sustainability Behaviors

14. We'd like to know more about whether you intend to do certain sustainability behaviors in the remainder of the semester. Thinking about your future behavior, on a scale of 1 to 7 where 1 is "Strongly disagree" and 7 is "Strongly agree", please choose your level of agreement with each statement below.

	Strongly disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Somewhat Disagree (3)	agree nor disagree (4)	Somewhat agree (5)	Agree (6)	Strongly Agree (7)
During this semester, I intend to consider the impact my actions will have on sustainability issues while on campus.							
During this semester, I intend to act in ways that have a positive impact on sustainability issues while on campus.							
During this semester, I intend to encourage other people to adopt sustainability behaviors on campus.							
During this semester, I intend to turn off lights when I leave an unoccupied room on campus when I can.							
During this semester, I intend to use natural daylight instead of artificial lights on campus when I can.							
During this semester, I intend to power down my computer and other electronic equipment at the end of the day on campus when I can.							
During this semester, I intend to try to minimize the amount of electricity I use on campus when I can.							
During this semester, I intend to recycle paper, plastic, and metal waste on campus when I can.							
During this semester, I intend to use a reusable water bottle or mug on campus when I can.							
During this semester, I intend to bring my own water bottle, mug, and/or utensils to events on campus when I can.							
During this semester, I intend to try to minimize the amount of waste I generate on campus when I can.							
During this semester, I intend to walk, bike, carpool, or take public transit to campus when I can.							
During this semester, I intend to minimize my consumption of meat, dairy, and other animal products on campus when I can. (Please consider this whether you buy food on campus or bring food from off campus)							
During this semester, I intend to eat locally grown or organic food on campus when I can. (Please consider this whether you buy food on campus or bring food from off campus)							

Student Perceptions of UAlbany Energy Conservation Efforts

15. We'd like to know more about your thoughts on UAlbany's energy conservation efforts. On a scale of 1 to 7 where 1 is "Strongly disagree" and 7 is "Strongly agree", please choose your level of agreement with each statement below. We are interested in your perceptions, so there are no right or wrong answers.

	Strongly disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Somewhat Disagree (3)	Neither agree nor disagree (4)	Somewhat agree (5)	Agree (6)	Strongly Agree (7)
It seems to me that UAlbany is genuinely committed to energy conservation on campus.							
It seems to me that UAlbany is doing a good job related to conserving energy on campus.							
It seems to me that UAlbany implements practices aimed at reducing campus energy consumption.							
It seems to me that UAlbany measures and tracks energy consumption on campus.							
It seems to me that UAlbany has policies, procedures, and/or strategic plans in place that promote energy conservation on campus.							
It seems to me that UAlbany communicates the importance of energy conservation to the campus community.							
It seems to me that UAlbany encourages people to conserve energy on campus.							
It seems to me that UAlbany offers incentives, recognition, or other support to increase energy conservation related courses, research, and/or operational initiatives on campus.							
It seems to me that UAlbany provides energy conservation related learning opportunities for students outside of the classroom.							
It seems to me that UAlbany provides energy conservation related learning opportunities for employees.							
It seems to me that UAlbany has created an atmosphere where people are expected to support energy conservation initiatives on campus.							
The sense around here is that energy conservation is important at UAlbany.							
People seem to care about energy conservation at UAlbany.							

Student Perceptions of Energy Conservation Behaviors

16. We'd like to know more about your energy conservation actions on campus. On a scale of 1 to 7 where 1 is "Strongly disagree" and 7 is "Strongly agree", please choose your level of agreement with each statement below.

	Strongly disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Somewhat Disagree (3)	Neither agree nor disagree (4)	Somewhat agree (5)	Agree (6)	Strongly Agree (7)
It's easy to conserve energy on campus.							
It's convenient to conserve energy on campus.							
It doesn't take much extra effort to conserve energy on campus.							
I enjoy conserving energy on campus.							
I feel good about conserving energy on campus.							
It's important to conserve energy on campus.							
Conserving energy on campus has a positive impact.							
Conserving energy on campus helps make a difference on important issues.							
Conserving energy on campus is worthwhile.							
There is much value to conserving energy on campus.							
My friends at UAlbany think I should conserve energy on campus.							
Students in my major think I should conserve energy on campus.							
UAlbany students in general think I should conserve energy on campus.							
My professors think I should conserve energy on campus.							
Campus leaders think I should conserve energy on campus.							

Student Perceptions of Energy Conservation Behaviors (Continued)

	Strongly disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Somewhat Disagree (3)	Neither agree nor disagree (4)	Somewhat agree (5)	Agree (6)	Strongly Agree (7)
My friends at UAlbany conserve energy on campus.							
Students in my major conserve energy on campus.							
UAlbany students in general conserve energy on campus.							
My professors conserve energy on campus.							
Campus leaders conserve energy on campus.							
I have the ability to conserve energy on campus.							
I know how to conserve energy on campus.							
If I wanted to, I could conserve energy on campus.							
I am capable of conserving energy on campus.							
I am able to conserve energy on campus.							
I can choose whether I conserve energy on campus.							
I have control over whether I conserve energy on campus.							
It's mostly up to me whether I conserve energy on campus.							
I get to decide whether I conserve energy on campus.							
I am free to conserve energy on campus.							

17. What academic department are you in? 18. What best describes your year of college? ☐ Freshman □ Sophomore □ Junior □ Senior ☐ First Year Graduate Student ☐ Second Year Graduate Student ☐ Third Year Graduate Student ☐ More Than Three Years as Graduate Student 19. What best describes where you are currently living? ☐ Indian Quad □ Alumni Quad ☐ Colonial Quad ☐ Liberty Terrace ☐ Dutch Quad ☐ State Quad ☐ Empire Commons ☐ Other Off-campus Housing ☐ Freedom Apartments 20. What gender do you most identify with? ☐ Female □ Male ☐ Gender non-conforming/non-binary ☐ Prefer not to answer ☐ Other (please specify) ______ 21. What political party do you most identify with? □ Democrat ☐ Republican ☐ No party affiliation/Independent ☐ Other (please specify) 22. What political ideology do you most identify with? ☐ Very liberal ☐ Liberal ☐ Somewhat liberal ☐ Moderate ☐ Somewhat conservative □ Conservative

Student Demographic Information

☐ Very conservative

23. What could UAlbany do to promote sustainability behaviors on campus? 24. What are some barriers that may prevent you from doing certain sustainability behaviors? 25. Do you have any additional comments that you'd like to share about campus sustainability at UAlbany?

Additional Thoughts on Campus Sustainability