

Campus Services & Business Operations April 15, 2016

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Re: Teaching, Research and Experiential Education in Sustainability (TREES)

To whom it may concern;

The Teaching, Research and Experiential Education (TREES) program at York University connects research, classroom learning and sustainability initiatives on campus. Over the past several years, this program has involved courses such as Environmental Auditing, Business and Sustainability and Social Marketing to tackle tangible issues facing our University.

Students have conducted audits, hosted events, and created social marketing plans on a variety of topics, from waste management to energy to alternative transportation to bottled water. The data collected and recommendations made by students are then passed on to the appropriate staff members, who have used this information to advance sustainability programming on campus.

This innovative program has multiple benefits: it gives students interesting, 'out of the classroom' experience, it provides useful and current data and information to staff, and it advances new best practices on sustainability in our operations.

The TREES program has been a very valuable addition to York University's overall sustainability efforts.

Sincerely,

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