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POLICIES

Responsible Official: Vice President for Finance and Administration

Responsible Office: Physical Plant

Policy Statement

It is the policy of Austin Peay State University that the Sustainable Campus Fee shall be administered by the Sustainable Campus Fee Committee to advance sustainability initiatives.

Purpose

The purpose of the fee is to advance sustainability initiatives on campus in the following categories:

- Energy and utilities (electricity, HVAC, gas, water, etc.)
- Local generation (renewables – solar, wind, etc.)
- Alternative fuel (hybrid and electric vehicles, bio-diesel projects, etc.)
- Recycling, trash reduction, composting
- Natural campus environment
- Other (humanities and arts)

The purpose of the fee is to advance student, staff and faculty involvement in sustainability initiatives, with proposals in one of the following types:

- Projects:
 - Provide or demonstrate a specific energy or environmental benefit
 - Be technically and economically feasible
 - Be cost effective to operate and maintain
 - Be consistent with campus standards and master plan
 - Be student-driven as much as possible
- Studies:
 - Focus on implementable technologies or initiatives that are economically and technically feasible
 - Quantify energy or environmental benefit(s)
 - Address feasibility, operability, and maintainability of the technology or initiative

- Not duplicate prior, similar studies
- Have significant level of student participation/support
- Research
 - Focus on identified sustainability categories
 - Have significant level of student participation/support

Definitions

Sustainability

Is understood as: “development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs,” U.N. Brundtland Report, 1986. This definition implicitly recognizes the inter-relatedness of the welfare of people, the environment and the economy.

Initiative

In the context of this policy:

- describes projects, studies or research that demonstrate direct demonstrable campus sustainability benefits
- should not be used for special events or operational expenditures not associated with the SCF Program
- shall comply with State law, APSU Policies where applicable, with regard to project approvals, use of designers and code compliance

Procedures

Approval of on-campus sustainability initiatives:

- Funds for each category should be allowed to be carried forward if needed for near-term future expenditures. Fund balances in each category should not exceed a two-year accrual without encumbrance or carry forward justification plan.
- A status report shall be published at the end of each fiscal year for all program activities. Based on this report the campus committee shall evaluate each year the validity of the fee and the appropriateness of the fee amount and make a recommendation, if necessary, for an adjustment to the fee.

Revision Dates

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Subject Areas:

Academic	Finance	General	Human Resources	Information Technology	Student Affairs
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