



**LAMAR UNIVERSITY
MANUAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

SECTION: Campus Operations
AREA: Campus Sustainability

MAPP 02.02.01 (FO)

Campus Sustainability

I. POLICY

- A. The Lamar University (LU) Office of Campus Operations develops, implements, and supports initiatives that foster a culture of sustainability campus-wide. Through these efforts, the Office of Campus Operations assists the campus community in managing resources sustainably, in ways that address current environmental challenges and enable future generations to benefit from stewardship of the natural world.

II. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

- A. The policy aims to balance environmental needs with social and economic concerns. To this end, the policy supports initiatives that promote an inclusive and equitable environment while pursuing short- and long-term cost reductions that offset costs associated with creating a sustainable campus.

III. DEFINITIONS

- A. **Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE).** [AASHE](#) provides administrators, faculty, staff, and students, as well as the businesses that serve them, with thoughtful leadership and essential knowledge; opportunities for professional development; and a unique framework for demonstrating the value and competitive edge created by sustainability initiatives in higher education.
- B. **Sustainability.** Sustainability is the capacity to meet the environmental and related social and economic challenges of the present while still enabling future generations to thrive.

IV. POLICY ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. **Executive Director of Campus Operations.** Serving as one of the University's points of contact for campus sustainability issues, the Executive Director has oversight of sustainability efforts in the LU Office of Campus Operations.
- B. **Office of Event Management.** Reporting to the Executive Director of Campus Operations, this office serves as the hub for campus sustainability efforts in the Office of Campus Operations. Event Management works collaboratively with other LU personnel, groups, and departments to forward sustainability at LU and, when possible, in surrounding communities.

V. CAMPUS SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES

- A. The Office of Campus Operations supports a culture of sustainability through initiatives that focus on, but are not limited to, waste reduction, recycling, renewable energy, energy savings, conservation, and social and economic factors related to these issues and to sustainability in general.
- B. The Office of Campus Operations implements its initiatives through activities that include the following:
1. Facilitating communication about sustainability among LU community members.
 2. Supporting sustainability programs, outreach, and events on the LU campus.
 3. Facilitating collaboration among faculty, staff, students, and community organizations to advance sustainability on campus and in the surrounding area.
 4. Supporting the work of campus sustainability programs and groups at LU, including the University Sustainability Committee, LU Green Squad, Greater South Park Neighborhood Association, and Lamar Community Garden Student Organization.
 5. Proposing, to LU's sustainability programs and groups, sustainability initiatives put forth by members of the LU community and surrounding communities.
 6. Collaborating with AASHE, as needed, to develop knowledge among LU community members about sustainability in higher education.
 7. Advising departments across LU on ways to enhance sustainability. This advice may address topics such as the following:
 - Initiating projects that may improve sustainability in LU departments.
 - Recommending to University leadership campus-wide strategies to improve sustainability.
 - Identifying priorities to improve sustainability based on assessments of the University's sustainability performance.
 - Managing programs and projects to improve campus performance in sustainability.

VI. REVIEW AND RESPONSIBILITY

Responsible Party: Chief Operations Officer

Review: Every three years on or before September 1

VII. APPROVAL

Dr. Robert H. Wagner	04/27/2022
Chief Operations Officer	Date
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Dr. Jaime R. Taylor	04/27/2022
President	Date

REVISION LOG

Revision Number	Date	Description of Changes
1	01/09/2020	Draft updated and approved by President.
2	04/21/2022	MAPP revised to reflect structural and reporting changes in LU's VPFO Division & Office of Campus Operations with respect to sustainability.
	04/27/2022	Revised version approved by President.