

<b>POLICY:</b>	<b>Environmental Sustainability Policy</b>
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interconnectedness among all beings and the natural environment. The University recognizes that these principles are situated in Indigenous knowledge systems and aims to honour local Indigenous histories, nations, and values in the pursuit of environmental sustainability.

## **2.2 Guiding Principles**

This commitment is guided by the following principles:

**(a) Responsible Stewardship:** The University will continue to provide high-quality education and services

**3.4 Built Environment:** The University will design, construct, and renovate facilities with a focus on energy efficiency and sustainable building principles.

**3.5 Natural Environment:** The University will maintain green spaces, promote landscaping methods that prioritize ecological health, and foster natural areas on campus.

**3.6 Transportation:** The University will promote less carbon-intensive means of travel for institution-related activities and commuting to minimize energy consumption.

## **4.0 Policy Implementation**

### **4.1 Action Planning**

The office of the Vice-President Finance and Administration (VPFA) will propose an institutional environmental sustainability action plan that sets time-bound, measurable goals and targets aligned with the guiding principles and areas of focus outlined in the Policy, placing responsibility on each university department to comply with and progress towards the set standards. Mechanisms for feedback and collaboration from the campus community will be incorporated in the planning and implementation processes. The Board of Governors will approve the plan and it will be communicated to the whole campus community.

### **4.2 Auditing & Reporting**

The office of the Vice-President Finance and Administration, namely the Sustainability Coordinator, will monitor the environmental sustainability plan and will coordinate an