I. POLICY

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

II. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

A. This document outlines the university’s policy on campus sustainability, organizational framework, and priorities for fostering sustainability on campus. This policy seeks to support a culture of sustainability among members of the university community.

B. 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. Director of Campus Sustainability. Serving as the university’s central point of contact for sustainability issues, the Director coordinates efforts in this area. This leader will have direct
oversight of campus initiatives and work collaboratively with other administrators, groups, and individuals to forward sustainability at Lamar and, when possible, in surrounding communities.

B. **Office of Campus Sustainability.** The office serves as the hub for campus sustainability efforts. Engaging the campus community, the office encourages collaboration and educates individuals about environmental factors that impact today’s society and generations to come.

C. **LU Sustainability Committee**

1. The Sustainability Committee will be chaired by the Director of Sustainability and will be composed of staff, faculty, and students representing: Administrative Services, Athletics, the College of Arts & Sciences, the College of Business, the College of Engineering, the College of Education and Human Development, the College of Fine Arts & Communication, Facilities, Financial Services, the LU Green Squad, Human Resources, Information Technology, the LU Police Department, Residential Housing, and the Student Government Association. In addition, ex-officio members may be appointed.

2. The Sustainability Committee will report to the Vice President for Finance and Operations.

3. The mission of the Sustainability Committee is: Lamar University is committed to environmental sustainability. The mission of the Sustainability Committee is to efficiently assist the Lamar community in providing educational and service programs and research that enable students to learn positive sustainable practices; assist Lamar in adopting institutional policies that promote sustainability; and encourage sustainable living and working on campus.

4. The Core Purposes of the committee are to advise in developing policies and procedures to address sustainability issues; assist with educating the LU community on sustainability issues including recycling, and energy, and water savings; and recommend ways to inform people of the successful sustainable initiatives conducted at LU.

V. **INITIATIVES AND PROCEDURES**

A. The Office of Campus Sustainability 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 Sustainability implements its initiatives through activities that include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Facilitating communication about sustainability among LU community members.

2. Leading 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. Directing the LU student sustainability team.

5. Supporting campus sustainability governing bodies, including the LU Green Squad, LU Sustainability Committee, Greater South Park Neighborhood Association, and Lamar Community Garden Student Organization.

6. Proposing, to the sustainability governing bodies, sustainability initiatives put forth by members of the LU community and surrounding communities.

7. Promoting sustainability-focused research and sustainability-focused curricula for LU students.

8. Integrating sustainability into university strategic planning.

9. Working with AASHE to develop knowledge among LU community members about sustainability in higher education.

10. Serving as an authoritative body to advise campus offices and departments on sustainability issues, including:

    • Identifying priorities to improve sustainability based on assessments of the university’s sustainability performance.

    • Managing high-priority programs and projects to improve campus performance in sustainability.

    • Recommending to university leadership campus-wide strategies to improve sustainability.

    • Initiating projects that may improve sustainability in individual offices and departments.

C. The Office of Campus Sustainability achieves its objectives by routing sustainability initiatives through its office, under the guidance of the Director of Sustainability. The Director coordinates, as needed, these activities with other stakeholders (e.g., faculty, staff, students, administration, sustainability governing bodies, off-campus community groups) to implement these initiatives when deemed practicable and to the benefit of LU and surrounding communities.

VI. REVIEW AND RESPONSIBILITY

Responsible Party: Director of Campus Sustainability
Vice President for Finance and Operations

Review: Every three years on or before June 1
VII. APPROVAL

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