

<b>Title</b>	<b>Sustainability</b>
<b>Number</b>	<b>H1002</b>
<b>Category</b>	<b>Health, Safety and Environment</b>

## 1. PURPOSE

To affirm Langara College's ongoing commitment to and responsibility for fostering an institutional culture characterized by leadership in environmental, social and financial sustainability.

To provide advice to Senior Leadership and pursue opportunities for all members of the College community to make choices that promote sustainability in the teaching, learning, researching and working environments in alignment with strategic directions.

## 2. DEFINITIONS

**College community** – Langara employees, students, volunteers, contractors and other individuals who work, study or carry out services for the College.

**Employee** – an individual employed and paid by the College to provide services on its behalf.

**Student** – an individual who is registered in a course or program at the College.

**Sustainability** – is the state of achieving environmental, social and economic balance across generations.

## 3. POLICY

3.1 Langara College will consider the integration of environmental, social and economic sustainability in its strategic planning and operational activities.

3.2 College administration will support initiatives and decisions that:

- protect and enhance the College's physical environment for future generations
- enhance the well-being of College community members through fair, equitable and fiscally responsible practices, and
- educate College community members to engage effectively as knowledgeable and responsible global citizens.

3.3 The College will encourage and support incorporating issues of sustainability into curriculum.

3.4 The College will actively explore and pursue opportunities for scholarly activity and collaborative research that focus on environmental, social and economic sustainability.

3.5 The College will demonstrate its strong commitment to environmental sustainability through its operational practices and initiatives.

3.6 A Sustainability Advisory Committee is established by this policy (as identified in Appendix I). The Committee will be composed of representatives from the College’s faculty, staff, administration and students. The Committee is responsible for advising the Senior Leadership Team on sustainability in academic and operational matters, advocating for sustainability, and facilitating and enabling sustainability projects when they are approved.

**4. RESPONSIBILITY**

For inquiries relating to this policy, contact the Vice-President, External Development.

**5. REGULATIONS/PROCEDURES**

Appendix I – Sustainability Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

<b>History/Revision</b>	
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## Appendix I

### Sustainability Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

#### 1. Purpose

The Committee is responsible for advising the Senior Leadership Team on sustainability in academic and operational matters, advocating for sustainability, and facilitating and enabling sustainability projects when they are approved.

#### 2. Duties and Functions

The Committee will:

- advise the appropriate Senior Leadership Team member on sustainability matters that relate to the College
- advocate for fair, equitable and fiscally responsible practices within the Langara College community
- support, facilitate and enable sustainability projects when they are approved, and
- act as a resource on sustainability issues to College leadership.

#### 3. Membership

The Committee will be composed of the following members:

- Director, Facilities or a delegate appointed by the Vice-President, Administration and Finance
- One Administrator or a delegate appointed by the Provost and Vice-President, Academic and Students
- One Administrator or a delegate appointed by the Vice-President, External Development
- One Faculty member appointed by the Langara Faculty Association
- One CUPE member appointed by CUPE Local 15
- Two current students appointed by the Langara Students' Union
- Other members of the College community may be invited to attend specific meetings to provide expertise or information, as required.

#### 4. Committee Chair

The Committee will select a chairperson from its membership. The Chair will prepare meeting reports and forward them to the Senior Leadership Team.

#### 5. Terms of Office

The term of office of the student representative is 1 year.

The term of office of the employee group representatives is 2 years with the ability to renew.

The term of office of an external individual is 2 years with the ability to renew.

If a member of the committee is unable to complete the term of office, the appropriate body or individual will appoint another member.

#### 6. Minutes

A record of proceedings will be taken.

#### 7. Meeting Schedule

The Committee will meet at least twice a year. Additional meetings, if required, will be held at the call of the Chair.