

**University of Florida High Priority Sustainability Recommendations, Action Items,  
and Fiscal Issues Work Sheet**

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1. Identify and publicize sustainability-related courses and programs.	Send letter to Deans, Directors, and Department heads (DDD) declaring enhanced sustainability education as consistent with the goals and mission of the university and encouraging its integration into curricula.			
2. Encourage colleges to incorporate sustainability into core curricula				
3. Manage lands for no net loss of biodiversity	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Authorize the Ecology Conservation and Stewardship Committee (ECOS) to coordinate all related programs, develop a "manage for no net loss of biodiversity" policy on UF's campus, and bring related recommendations to the Vice-president for Finance and Administration.</li> <li>2. Direct the ECOS to develop plans to expand coordination and /implementation of the policy to all UF lands.</li> </ol>			
4. Set up a land management committee to review and guide sustainable management of UF lands	Delegate to ECOS			

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5. Adopt USGBC's LEED Standard for New Construction, latest version, as one of the construction documents that must be followed for new construction	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Direct that a study be performed to evaluate FPCD &amp; PPD operations and conduct research into related industry practices resulting in recommendations that include:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Implementation options for UF</li> <li>b. Vendor opportunities</li> <li>c. Average project budget implications</li> <li>d. Staff training needs</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Incentivize LEED: Direct that options be developed for the endowment of a revolving fund that would be dedicated to funding LEED infrastructure needs and could be paid back by Colleges over time.</li> <li>3. Disincentivize wasteful faculty and staff energy consumption behaviors by billing departments for energy use as discrete metering capabilities and new buildings allow.</li> </ol>	<p>??</p> <p>\$1-3 million to endow revolving fund</p> <p>??</p>	1-3 FTE	Significant
6. Map all UF-related Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions and develop a strategy for carbon neutrality with an ambitious, yet realistic timeline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Direct the formation a working group comprised of staff and relevant faculty to present research and implementation options detailing likely carbon-neutrality scenarios to the Board of Trustees</li> <li>◆ Send letter to UF Trustees, F&amp;A and DDD articulating/formalizing UF's commitment to determining how to achieve carbon neutrality</li> </ul>	<p>??</p> <p>Minimal</p>		Significant
7. Promote efficient, low emission vehicle purchase and develop green fleet policy	Direct staff to coordinate with the US Department of Energy Clean Cities Program to promulgate a green fleet policy that implements a phase-in requirement for new vehicle purchases over a 3-5 year period			

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8. Increase RTS system in collaboration with the City of Gainesville to accommodate more locations and service times to move faculty and staff to and from the UF campus.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Assess interests, priorities and funding opportunities for faculty-oriented route services.</li> <li>2. Request Shands and UAA to consider funding pre-paid transit for their employees that access the campus.</li> <li>3. Direct the Vice President of Finance and Administration to update and prioritize the list of infrastructure needs related to enhanced on-campus bus service</li> <li>4. Dedicate additional capital funds to transit infrastructure as available</li> </ol>			
9. Implement U.S. EPA's WasteWise program in all University offices.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Phase in the WasteWise program within administrative units of the university.</li> <li>2. Upon successful phase-in within administrative units, direct the implementation be extended into all academic units.</li> </ol>			
10. Appoint task force to organize pilot project in sustainable purchasing				
11. Assist departments in developing plans and policies for purchasing and contracting in conformance with sustainable principles				
12. Require significant construction and demolition waste reduction, deconstruction of buildings, and stockpiling and reuse of suitable materials in all future construction and renovation contracts	Initiate a significant construction and demolition waste reduction program for new projects and develop a plan to phase in advanced building deconstruction practices over time as project size and stockpiling capacities warrant			

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13. Appoint a committee to make recommendations for adapting UF's investment policies to incorporate sustainability	Appoint a committee representing various groups to make recommendations concerning: (a) adoption of Global Reporting Initiative transparency standards for investment disclosure; and (b) investment policies that incorporate sustainability options			
14. The UF Foundation should adhere to Global Reporting Initiative transparency standards for investment disclosure				
15. Create a community section on the UF Web site and a community resource center to facilitate increased communication with the community	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Direct that a task force evaluate sites for a Community Resource Center such as the Community Design Center or the Business Incubator</li> <li>2. Direct that a Community Resource Center be created in the appropriate location(s)</li> <li>3. Evaluate possible enhancements to the community section of UF's web site and, where appropriate, implement those enhancements</li> </ol>			
16. Revise the University's mission statement to include specific reference to sustainability concerns, including an institutional commitment to diversity	Direct revisions to the mission statement that include specific reference to sustainability concerns, including an institutional commitment to diversity			