

SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

Approval Authority	President
Responsible Executive	Vice-President Administration
Related Policies / Legislation	The Government of Canada’s Canadian Environmental Protection Act, and the 2030 Emissions Reduction Plan. BC’s Climate Action Secretariat – Clean BC roadmap 2030. Board Policy BRP215.01, Investment Policy of the Board

PURPOSE

The University of the Fraser Valley (“UFV”) aspires to be a leading institution in sustainability, holistically balancing the environmental, social, and economic elements in all it does.

This policy establishes sustainability as an institutional priority for the university. It provides a framework for incorporating sustainability into decision-making, university practices and initiatives, and education, and provides UFV’s common understanding for what sustainability means.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all students and employees on all campuses of the University of the Fraser Valley.

DEFINITIONS

In this policy, the following definitions apply:

Sustainability is the process of living within the limits of available physical, natural, and social resources in ways that allow the living systems in which humans are embedded to thrive in perpetuity, and includes:

- i. **Environmental Sustainability:** when ecological integrity is maintained; all of earth’s environmental systems are kept in balance while natural resources within them are consumed by humans at a rate at which they can replenish themselves.
- ii. **Social Sustainability:** when leaders ensure universal human rights and necessities are attainable by all people. Leaders work to ensure enough of these resources are available to keep individuals, families, and communities healthy and secure.
- iii. **Economic Sustainability:** when communities can access financial and other resources required to meet their needs. Economic systems and activities are

secure and available to everyone, enabling secure sources of livelihood and wellbeing.

POLICY

UFV brings vision, intellect, and high ethical standards to achieve and maintain institutional leadership in sustainable operations, academics, evaluation, and community outreach. UFV's approach to sustainability aligns with the [United Nations Sustainable Development Goals](#) (UNSDG). UFV seeks to maximize benefits and minimize harm in all sustainability activities and seeks to engage all students and employees in sustainability efforts.

Sustainability in Operations and Administration

UFV develops and adopts environmentally sustainable practices and processes for operations and administration whenever possible.

Sustainability in Academia

UFV supports sustainability in academia by encouraging Senate to integrate sustainability into as much of the academic enterprise as possible. When possible, support is provided to assist in these efforts.

Evaluating Sustainability

UFV assesses the sustainability impacts associated with its activities and consults on important elements such as targets, priorities, and timetables for achieving sustainability objectives.

Sustainability and Community

When possible, UFV collaborates across the university, with alumni, surrounding communities, and with other Canadian universities to advance sustainability across the organization. Employees are encouraged to be actively engaged in UFV's sustainability efforts.

Roles and Responsibilities

The VP Administration or designate (usually UFV's Office of Sustainability – OoS) oversees the implementation of this policy including, but not limited to, the development of related procedures, goals, committee(s), plans and reports. When other implementation documents or initiatives are developed, they are posted on the OoS website.