

## POLICY CONCEPT FORM

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<b>Policy Title &amp; Policy :</b>	Environmental Policy
<b>Submitted on Behalf Of:</b>	Jamie Moffitt, VPFA
<b>Responsible Executive Officer:</b>	Vice President for Finance and Administration
<b>Current Policy # (if applicable):</b>	01.00.13

**SELECT ONE:**  New Policy  Revision  Repeal

*Click the box to select*

**HAS THE OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL REVIEWED THIS CONCEPT:**  Yes  No

**If yes, which attorney(s):** Doug Park

### GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER

*Include the policy name and number of any existing policies associated with this concept.*

The policy serves as a guide for the institution's environmental plans, procedures, and practices.

<https://policies.uoregon.edu/policy/by/1/01-administration-and-governance/environmental-comprehensive-policy>

### RELATED STATUTES, REGULATIONS, POLICIES, ETC.

*List known statutes, regulations, policies (including unit level policies), or similar related to or impacted by the concept. Include hyperlinks where possible, excerpts when practical (e.g. a short statute), or attachments if necessary. Examples: statute that negates the need for or requires updates to an existing policy; unit level policy(ies) proposed for University-wide enactment; or existing policies used in a new, merged and updated policy.*

The Office of Sustainability, in keeping with the policy, maintains a number of webpages and "small p" policies for implementation and tracking of our practices. Here are some key links:

<http://sustainability.uoregon.edu/policy/climate-action-plan>

<http://sustainability.uoregon.edu/policy/carbon-offsets-purchasing-policy>

<http://sustainability.uoregon.edu/institutional-performance>

<http://sustainability.uoregon.edu/policy/oregon-model-sustainable-development>

### STATEMENT OF NEED

*What does this concept accomplish and why is it necessary?*

Minor changes are being made to the introduction (which is being moved from a preamble into the policy text itself to conform with other policies' formatting) so that it reflects UO's recently updated mission statement.

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### **AFFECTED PARTIES**

*Who is impacted by this change, and how?*

The entire campus community has an interest in these changes; however, key stakeholders include Purchasing and Contracting Services and several units under the VPFA, such as Campus Planning and Facilities Management, Safety and Risk Services, the Office of Sustainability, Parking and Transportation.

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### **CONSULTED STAKEHOLDERS**

*Which offices/departments have reviewed your concept and are they confirmed as supportive? (Please do not provide a list of every individual consulted. Remain focused on stakeholders (e.g. ASUO, Office of the Provost, Registrar, Title IX Coordinator, etc.).)*

Recommendations were made by Office of Sustainability to the 2015-16 Environmental Issues Committee. Members voted unanimously in support of the recommendation.

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### **Policy Text- with redline edits**

#### **Preamble-**

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**Procedures:-**

**Implementation:**

The university administration will charge appropriate units with responsibility to integrate these principles into policies, plans, programs, procedures, and practices. The Office of Sustainability should make relevant documents publicly available.

**Reporting:**

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**~~Who is Governed by this Policy:-~~**

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**~~Who Should Know This Policy:-~~**

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