

## SUSTAINABILITY

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<b>Objective:</b>	Olds College of Agriculture & Technology (the "College") is committed to sustainable institutional operations incorporating economic, educational, environmental, applied research and social considerations. To ensure this outcome, the College strategically manages opportunities and risks, making decisions that promote positive long-term benefits and furthers its Strategic Plan.
<b>Policy:</b>	<p>The College Sustainability Policy operates in accordance with the following:</p> <p><b>Policy Statements</b></p> <p><b>Economic Sustainability</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The College addresses economic sustainability through a combination of robust fiscal planning and a commitment to a Risk Management Framework.</li> <li>2. The utilization of the College cascading strategic planning and budgeting process and Investment Strategy is also employed to support ongoing economic sustainability practices.</li> </ol> <p><b>Educational Sustainability</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The College leverages a range of dedicated academic program and curriculum review processes to support educational sustainability and continuous improvement efforts.</li> <li>2. The College also utilizes a program lifecycle approach for academic programming, which focuses on a continual process of program review, creation, renewal, termination, and reinvestment.</li> </ol> <p><b>Environmental Sustainability</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The College continually identifies opportunities to reduce the carbon footprint of the institution through its new infrastructure projects.</li> <li>2. The College is focused on ongoing infrastructure renewal in its lifecycle initiatives to support water conservation, waste management, energy efficiency, and environmental sustainability in general.</li> </ol> <p><b>Applied Research Sustainability</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The College works with funders, government, industry and researchers in addressing provincial, national and global sustainability challenges.</li> <li>2. The College adopts and promotes sustainable and responsible research assessment strategies and processes.</li> </ol>

	<p>Social Sustainability</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The College has an ongoing commitment to social sustainability-based committees, partnerships and practices which foster social inclusion, wellness, and community integration.</li> </ol>
Definitions:	<p><b>Economic Sustainability:</b> The prudent use of institutional resources to optimize the College's long-term capacity to realize its objectives. It includes the strategic planning and allocation of resources based on current situational realities, anticipated future events, financial position and operational risks.</p> <p><b>Educational Sustainability:</b> The creation of an educational environment that promotes life-long learning and enables students to realize their full potential. This includes attracting and retaining skilled and knowledgeable staff, innovative curriculum design, access to evolving technology, ongoing program evaluation, and investing in learning spaces and tools.</p> <p><b>Academic Program Life Cycle:</b> refers to the evolution of a program over time, from initiation through development, delivery, evaluation, revisions; and, where applicable, suspension and termination.</p> <p><b>Environmental Sustainability:</b> The operation of the institution in a manner which protects and enhances the environment. This includes reducing the institutional ecological footprint through infrastructure renewal, pollution prevention, utilizing renewable energy sources, and leveraging environmentally responsible products and practices.</p> <p><b>Applied Research Sustainability:</b> The utilization of applied research functions related to student learning, industry partnerships, government investment, and College expertise and facilities to enhance profitability, productivity, and environmental sustainability within the agriculture industry.</p> <p><b>Social Sustainability:</b> Utilizing institutional processes, systems, and structures to create healthy and livable communities on campus and beyond. This includes the promotion of social justice and physical/mental well-being.</p>
Related Information:	<p><a href="#"><i>Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act</i></a>  <a href="#"><i>Post-Secondary Learning Act</i></a>  A08 Course Development, Review &amp; Revision  A14 Program Curriculum Committee  A15 Program Development  A16 Program Review  F14 Investments  F16 Operations Budget</p>
Related Procedures:	<p>B13 Sustainability Procedure  B13 Academic Program Intake Suspension, Suspension &amp; Termination Procedure</p>
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