



SUAS/RO/25/174

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Subject: SUAS' Green Campus Policy.

For the information of all concerned, Symbiosis University of Applied Sciences' (SUAS) Green Campus Policy is hereby notified. The Policy will be as per Annexure 'A' to this Notification.

This notification will come into effect from the date of its issue.


Dr. Manish
Registrar

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1. EA to Vice Chancellor for the information of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor
2. All Faculty & Staff.



SYMBIOSIS UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

POLICY FOR GREEN CAMPUS

1. Introduction

Symbiosis University of Applied Sciences (SUAS) recognizes its pivotal role as an educational institution in fostering environmental stewardship and sustainability. The Green Campus Policy is a comprehensive framework designed to minimize the university's ecological footprint, preserve natural resources, and promote a culture of sustainability among students, faculty, staff, and the broader community. This policy aligns with national and international environmental mandates and reflects SUAS's commitment to creating a model campus that exemplifies best practices in environmental management and sustainable development.

2. Vision and Objectives

Vision:

To establish SUAS as a leading green campus that integrates sustainable practices into every facet of university life, thereby nurturing environmentally responsible citizens and contributing to global sustainability goals.

Objectives:

- To create awareness and instill a sense of responsibility towards environmental conservation among all stakeholders.
- To implement and continuously improve sustainable practices in resource use, waste management, and campus operations.
- To ensure compliance with all relevant environmental regulations and standards.
- To promote research, innovation, and community engagement in environmental sustainability.

3. Scope of the Policy

This policy applies to SUAS campus, including academic, administrative, residential, and recreational facilities. It encompasses all university activities, events, and operations, and extends to contractors, vendors, and visitors.

4. Policy Statement

4.1. Environmental Awareness and Education

- Integrate environmental education into curricula across disciplines.
- Organize regular workshops, seminars, and campaigns to promote sustainability.
- Encourage student-led green initiatives and research projects.
- Celebrate key environmental days with campus-wide activities.

4.2. Green Campus Committees and Governance

- Establish a Green Campus Committee comprising faculty, staff, students, and community representatives.

- The committee will oversee policy implementation, monitor progress, and recommend improvements.
- Conduct annual green audits to assess environmental performance and identify areas for enhancement.

4.3. Resource Conservation

Water Management:

- Implement rainwater harvesting, greywater recycling, and efficient irrigation systems.
- Promote water conservation through awareness programs and regular monitoring of usage.

Energy Management:

- Maximize energy efficiency by using LED lighting, energy-efficient appliances, and smart building technologies.
- Invest in renewable energy sources such as solar panels and wind turbines.
- Conduct regular energy audits and set targets for reducing overall consumption.

Paper and Material Use:

- Promote digital communication and record-keeping to minimize paper usage.
- Encourage double-sided printing and use of recycled paper.
- Reduce consumption of single-use materials and plastics.

4.4. Waste Management

- Adopt a comprehensive waste segregation system for biodegradable, recyclable, and hazardous waste.
- Establish composting units and biogas plants for organic waste.
- Partner with authorized recyclers for electronic and hazardous waste disposal.
- Promote a zero-waste culture through education and incentives.

4.5. Biodiversity and Green Cover

- Enhance green cover through afforestation, native species plantations, and maintenance of gardens and green spaces.
- Protect and restore local biodiversity by creating habitats for flora and fauna.
- Develop nature interpretation centers and organize field trips to promote biodiversity awareness.

4.6. Sustainable Transportation

- Encourage the use of bicycles, electric vehicles, and carpooling.
- Provide adequate infrastructure for non-motorized transport (bicycle racks, walkways).
- Limit vehicular access in certain campus zones to reduce emissions.

4.7. Sustainable Buildings and Infrastructure

- Design and construct new buildings following green building standards (e.g., IGBC, LEED).
- Retrofit existing structures to improve energy and water efficiency.
- Use environmentally friendly construction materials and practices.

4.8. Community Engagement and Outreach

- Collaborate with local communities, government bodies, NGOs, and industry partners to promote sustainability.
- Share best practices and research findings with external stakeholders.
- Involve the local community in campus greening activities and outreach programs.

5. Implementation Strategies

5.1. Action Plan Development

- The Green Campus Committee will develop a detailed action plan with measurable targets, timelines, and responsibilities.
- The plan will be reviewed and updated annually based on audit findings and stakeholder feedback.

5.2. Monitoring and Evaluation

- Establish mechanisms for regular monitoring of resource consumption, waste generation, and other key indicators.
- Conduct periodic environmental audits and publish annual sustainability reports.
- Use feedback loops to make necessary adjustments and improvements.

5.3. Capacity Building

- Provide training for faculty, staff, and students on sustainable practices.
- Encourage participation in national and international conferences, workshops, and competitions on sustainability.

5.4. Incentives and Recognition

- Recognize and reward outstanding contributions to campus sustainability.
- Offer incentives for departments and individuals that achieve sustainability targets.

6. Policy Responsibilities

- The Green Campus Committee is responsible for overall policy implementation, monitoring, and reporting.
- All university departments must align their operations with the Green Campus Policy and support its objectives.
- Students, faculty, staff, and visitors are expected to participate actively in green initiatives and adhere to sustainability guidelines.

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