



ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, INCORPORATED  
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES

**POLICY 019**

ADMINISTRATIVE MANUAL

Approved:

## A.S.I. Sustainability Guidelines

### 1 Purpose:

The purpose of the ASI Sustainability Guidelines is to establish CSULA ASI as a leader in sustainable practices; to educate ASI members on sustainability and promote environmental stewardship to better serve Cal State LA and the greater Los Angeles community.

### 2 References:

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- 2.3 Purvis, B., Mao, Y., & Robinson, D. (2018). Three pillars of sustainability: in search of conceptual origins. *Sustainability Science*, 14(3), 681–695. doi: 10.1007/s11625-018-0627-5
- 2.4 Sustainability. (2019). Retrieved from <https://www.calstatela.edu/sustainability>.
- 2.5 Sustainability in the California State University. (2018). Retrieved from <https://www2.calstate.edu/impact-of-the-csu/sustainability>.
- 2.6 United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Sustainability Primer. Available online: [Sustainability Primer - version 9](#)(accessed on 10 October 2019).

### 3 Definitions:

- 3.1 **Sustainability:** Of, relating to, or being a method of harvesting or using a resource so that the resource is not depleted or permanently damaged. Of or relating to a lifestyle involving the use of sustainable methods.
  - 3.1.1 **Environmental Factors:** Wise and efficient use of natural resources while focusing on achieving maximum productivity with minimum waste by reducing pollution, gas emissions, and non-recyclable waste. Maintaining transparency and upholding responsibility of these practices.
  - 3.1.2 **Economic Factors:** Adopting policies and regulations as well as supporting industries that strive towards a sustainable and equitable market for consumers. Achieving remunerative financial and administrative management through sustainable practices.
  - 3.1.3 **Social Factors:** Advocating for an environment where the community is encouraged to participate in sustainable practices. Community engagement through learning and development opportunities.

**3.2 Educational Awareness:** Relating to educating on-campus community on the topic of environmental sustainability and environmental justice

3.2.1 **Environmental Literacy:** Addressing issues relating to ecological and socio-political knowledge, knowledge of environmental issues, improving cognitive skills, and encouraging environmentally responsible behaviors.

3.2.2 **Environmental Stewardship:** Increasing action taken by individuals and groups, with various levels of training, skills, and capacity to care, protect, and/or responsibly use the environment as it pertains to seeking environmental and/or social outcomes in diverse social–ecological contexts as it relates to the Cal State LA and greater Los Angeles community.

#### **4.0 Procedural Guidelines:**

ASI shall conduct, establish, encourage, and practice environmentally responsible and sustainable practices so to decrease its carbon footprint including but not limited to; be it through overhead office supplies purchased, recycling initiatives, providing an annual carbon footprint assessment, and recommending a switch to energy saving star appliances.

##### **4.1 Provision of reports and/or missions related to sustainability at Cal State LA**

4.1.1 The Environmental Policy Committee is tasked with providing and presenting reports including but not limited to: climate action reports, annual carbon footprint assessments, STARS reports, Zero Waste goals, and the CSU Sustainability Policy.