

Sustainability Plan

2020–2024

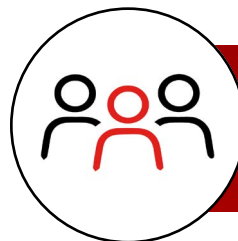


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SLC's sustainability plan complements, supports, and aligns with our strategic plan. It will guide our sustainability efforts across our campus communities and realizes a positive impact on the multi-year objectives. At SLC, sustainability is the integration and optimization of the lenses of environment, economics, and social/culture.

We are proud to be members of the internationally recognized Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE), an organization which inspires higher education to lead the global sustainability transformation. We utilize the AASHE framework and guidelines within our sustainability plan. SLC is currently a bronze rated college with the goal to be rated gold by the end SLC in Five. As a College, we are accountable for our decisions and actions to ensure our long-term viability, reduce our environmental impact, and foster a healthy and dynamic college¹.

Our Sustainable Goals



OUR PEOPLE

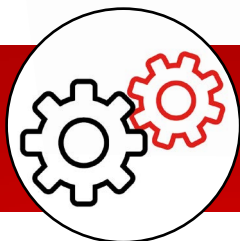
1. Foster a college-wide appreciation for the SDGs and effectively support efforts to improve diversity and equity on campus.
2. Have an active Sustainability Implementation Advisory Team.
3. Ensure employees and students are actively engaged in a variety of sustainability initiatives.
4. Enhance employee understanding of sustainability through professional development opportunities.



OUR PROGRAMS

1. Increase sustainability focused and sustainability-inclusive courses to 20% by 2024.
2. Provide students with ongoing opportunities to actively participate in making their campuses more sustainable.

¹ SLC Strategic Plan 2014-2019: Sustainability Directive



OUR OPERATIONS

1. Reach a target of zero carbon emissions by 2050.
2. Increase the use of sustainable and active transportation options.
3. Complete the Climate Action Plan.
4. Have policies and guidelines in place for sustainable procurement.
5. Divert 70% of organic waste from landfills by 2024 via composting.
6. Promote plant-based food options.
7. Develop SLC's sustainable building policy that integrates climate action, diversity, indigenous ways of knowing and being, accessibility, health and wellbeing, as well as financial security.
8. Create linkages to Indigenous Ways of Knowing and Being through thoughtful stewardship of the natural environment on our campuses.
9. Foster a zero-waste culture and divert 70% of material from landfills by 2024.
10. Adopt Forest Stewardship Council Certified paper purchasing practices and ensure all custodial products are Green Seal Certified.



OUR PLANNING

1. Maintain a comprehensive plan to advance sustainability.
2. Maintain compliance with the Ministry mandated financial sustainability metrics.



OUR COMMUNITIES

1. Increase community partnership and collaboration.
2. Continue to engage with our communities and advance sustainability.
3. Be recognized as a sustainability leader locally and globally.
4. Continue to enhance sustainability offerings in Continuing Education.

Visit our website to learn more about SLC's full sustainability plan.



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