

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY-REPORT TO ACUPCC DUE ON JULY 15, 2008

Institutional Structure: (Within two months of signing the document, create institutional structures to guide the development and implementation of the plan)

In the spring of 2007, the University President, Ann Weaver Hart, established a Sustainability Task Force (STF), comprised of students, faculty and staff to provide insights, counsel, and advice on current issues regarding environmental responsibility in large, urban universities. As a result of one of the recommendations of the STF's report, an Office of Sustainability was created to support all aspects that contribute to a sustainable environment and to work with the STF on strategic planning on environmental issues.

Tangible Actions:

- 1. Adopt an energy-efficient appliance purchasing policy requiring purchase of ENERGY STAR certified products in all areas for which such ratings exist.**

Temple University's Office of Facilities Management purchases energy-efficient appliances and equipment as a consequence of its standard construction specifications and project specifications. This practice will be expanded to ensure these purchases are ENERGY STAR certified and will be adapted to all other appliances purchased by the University and codified in a formal Purchasing Policy.

- 2. Participate in the Waste Minimization component of the national RecycleMania competition, and adopt 3 or more associated measures to reduce waste.**

Temple University has participated in the national RecycleMania competition for several years and will begin to participate in the Waste Minimization program. The three measures to reduce waste that it has developed or will expand are as follows:

- 1. The University has active programs to reuse, sell or donate computers, electronics, chemicals and furniture. It plans to expand this program to end of year student residence halls to collect unwanted, good condition items to sell or donate.*
- 2. The University has implemented campus printing initiatives in computer tech centers to encourage minimization such as double sided printing settings. It will review the current student allocation for free printing in the tech centers with the goal of reducing the amount and/or creating different methodologies to encourage reduction.*
- 3. New programs are being developed to educate students and employees about waste minimization practices and other sustainability issues. These programs include new student and employee orientation, training programs for staff, and presentations to campus groups, departments, and individuals.*