

**Revised Policy on Energy Conservation, Sustainable Building Practices, and Physical Plant Management (RCPBG 05-04-11)**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of the California State University has historically supported an aggressive CSU energy conservation and utilities management policy and program; and

**WHEREAS**, the California State University has exceeded energy conservation and reduction goals set forth in previous policies; and

**WHEREAS**, sustainable building practices utilize energy, water, and materials efficiently throughout the building life cycle; enhance indoor air quality; improve occupants' health, comfort and productivity; incorporate environmentally preferable products; and thereby substantially reduce the environmental impacts associated with long-term building operations without compromising building performance or fulfilling the academic mission; and

**WHEREAS**, energy costs in California are projected to increase significantly in the next decade and such increases are estimated to take a greater percentage of the California State University operating budget; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, By the Board of Trustees of the California State University, that the goal is to site, design, deconstruct, construct, renovate, operate, and maintain campus facilities and infrastructure that endeavor to be models of energy, water, and materials efficiency, while providing healthy, productive, and comfortable indoor environments and long-term benefits to faculty, staff, and students; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the California State University shall facilitate the incorporation of sustainable building practices into the planning and operations of campus facilities. The objectives are to implement the sustainable building goal in a cost effective manner; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a new goal for energy conservation be established following the assessment and evaluation of existing buildings to achieve additional efficiencies in a cost effective manner; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That goals for the purchase of renewable power and for generating local renewable power be established following the assessment of renewable power cost and supply and the cost/benefit assessment of generating renewable energy within the CSU and that the final results of this assessment shall be reported at the July 2005 Board of Trustees meeting with an update at the January 2005 meeting; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the revised CSU Policy on Energy Conservation, Sustainable Building Practices, and Physical Plant Management in Agenda Item 4 of the May 17-19, 2004 meeting of the Trustees' Committee on Campus Planning, Buildings and Grounds is adopted; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the chancellor or his designee is authorized to take the necessary steps to implement the intent of this policy and consider establishing a CSU Sustainability Task Force which will include CSU faculty, staff, and students.

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