

Achievements to Date
Philosophy and Religious Studies
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The following are our short-form question responses within the categories of Governance and Administration, Operations, Curriculum and Research, and Community Service and Outreach. In developing these short-form responses, we are pleased to report significant achievements in these areas and have identified opportunities for further development/transformation.

[Provide brief descriptions for each affirmative or goal response]

Governance and Administration

Y N Goal

☐ ☒ ☐ 1. The unit has standing committees to address issues of sustainability.

Y N Goal

☐ ☒ ☐ 2. The unit gives assigned load and/or a staff position dedicated to sustainability initiatives.

Y N Goal

☐ ☒ ☒ 3. The unit has established policies that encourage sustainability initiatives.
In AY 2008-2009 the Professional Policies and Department Activities Committee will develop policy to be voted on by the faculty.

Y N Goal

☐ ☒ ☐ 4. The unit has sustainability integrated into its mission statement.

Y N Goal

☐ ☒ ☐ 5. The unit maintains active membership in organizations engaged in promoting sustainability.

Y N Goal

☒ ☐ ☐ 6. The unit encourages and rewards research related to sustainability.
Faculty would be rewarded for publishing in areas where sustainability and philosophy or religious studies overlaps.

Y N Goal

☒ ☐ ☐ 7. The unit encourages and rewards the integration of sustainability issues into course material.
Sustainability issues fit naturally into discussions of ethics and social policy. Such Integration has been and would be rewarded.

Operations

Y N Goal

- ☐ ☒ ☒ 1. The unit purchases/uses Energy Star Office and Telecommunications Equipment.
We will request Energy Star Office equipment when NQ is renovated.

Y N Goal

- ☐ ☒ ☒ 2. The unit has policies to restrict paper use.
The department has informal guidelines. In AY 2008-2009, policy will be written and voted on by the faculty.

Y N Goal

- ☒ ☐ ☐ 3. The unit uses recycled paper.
We purchase recycled paper for use in the copier and in printers. Also, we re-use single-side-use paper for printing drafts and for note pads.

Y N Goal

- ☒ ☐ ☐ 4. The unit recycles all materials accepted by the university system.
All offices have a recycling bin with a piggy-back for non-recyclables.

Y N Goal

- ☒ ☐ ☐ 5. The unit has appropriate recycling bins throughout its offices.
All offices have a recycling bin with a piggy-back for non-recyclables.

Y N Goal

- ☒ ☐ ☒ 6. The unit has policies that encourage the use of teleconferencing capabilities to limit travel.
This year we have begun to make use of teleconferencing for screening job candidates.

Y N Goal

- ☒ ☐ ☐ 7. The unit specifies hybrid electric vehicles for travel.
Hybrid electric vehicles are routinely requested.

Y N Goal

- ☐ ☒ ☐ 8. The unit shows preference for sustainable lodging for professional travel.

Y N Goal

- ☐ ☒ ☒ 9. The unit uses washable dinner/service ware for its meetings/receptions.
Washable dinner/service more will be a goal when the department has facilities for cleaning plates and utensils (i.e., when we have a kitchenette).

Y N Goal

- ☐ ☒ ☒ 10. The unit purchases/uses remanufactured office furniture.
When NQ is refurbished, we will request remanufactured office furniture.

Y N Goal

- ☐ ☒ ☒ **11.** The unit purchases/uses sustainable materials for office furnishings.
When NQ is refurbished, we will request remanufactured office furniture.

Y N Goal

- ☒ ☐ ☐ **12.** The unit discourages the use of single-occupant automobile travel.
If two or more people are traveling to the same destination, the department funds one vehicle.

Y N Goal

- ☐ ☒ ☒ **13.** Classroom, Office and/or Restroom lighting for the unit is controlled by occupancy sensors.
We will request occupancy sensors when NQ is renovated.

Y N Goal

- ☐ ☒ ☐ **14.** The unit's thermostats are set to minimize energy use for heating and cooling.

Curriculum

Y N Goal

☐ ☒ ☐ 1. The unit has courses dedicated to issues related to sustainability.

Y N Goal

☒ ☐ ☐ 2. The unit has courses with sustainability content.
Environmental Ethics (Phil 230) contains sustainability content as do many sections of Introductions to Philosophy.

Y N Goal

☒ ☐ ☐ 3. The unit has courses in which students are encouraged to address sustainability issues in their assignments.
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Y N Goal

☐ ☒ ☐ 4. The unit recognizes sustainability courses from other departments as legitimate electives for credit in its programs.

Y N Goal

☐ ☒ ☐ 5. The unit has dedicated sustainability courses that can be taken for credit as part of a major or minor outside of the unit.

Research

Y N Goal

- ☒ ☐ ☐ 1. Members of the unit have conducted research on issues of sustainability in their discipline.
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Y N Goal

- ☒ ☐ ☐ 3. Members of the unit attend conferences that address issues of sustainability.
The faculty member that teaches Environmental Ethics has attended conferences that addresses issues of sustainability.

Y N Goal

- ☐ ☒ ☐ 4. Members of the unit belong to associations dedicated to sustainability issues.

Y N Goal

- ☐ ☒ ☐ 5. The unit has hosted workshops on issues of sustainability.

Y N Goal

- ☐ ☒ ☐ 6. The unit has hosted conferences on issues of sustainability.

Community Service and Outreach

Y **N** **Goal**
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1. The unit engages in public and/or outreach activities that address issues of sustainability.

Y **N** **Goal**
☒ ☐ ☐

2. The unit is in partnership with others in the community in the pursuit of sustainability.

Environmental Ethics (Phil 230) partners with the Red Tail Conservancy

Y **N** **Goal**
☐ ☒ ☐

3. The unit participates in community events that address issues of sustainability.

Y **N** **Goal**
☐ ☒ ☐

4. The unit has initiated community endeavors in pursuit of sustainability.

Strategic Plan for Sustainability
Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies

Year 1: 2007-2008

1. Acquaint all faculty with sustainability measures we now take and the reasons for doing so.
2. Inform faculty of the policies we will develop in 2008-2009.
3. Inform faculty of our strategic plan for sustainability.

Year 2: 2008-2009

1. The Professional Policies and Department Activities Committee will develop policy that addresses issues of sustainability.
2. Faculty will vote on the policies developed by the Professional Policies and Department Activities Committee.
3. For the renovation of North Quad, we will request:
 - a. Energy Star office equipment
 - b. Kitchenette with washable dinner/service ware
 - c. Remanufactured office furniture
 - d. Office furniture made of sustainable materials
 - e. Occupancy sensors

Year 3: 2009-2011

1. Reduce paper use by 5% per faculty member from its 2007-2008 use.
2. Teleconferencing will be used to help screen job applicants for a tenure-line position in the History of Philosophy.
3. Implement policy developed in 2008-2009.

Year 4: 2010-2011

1. The department will reduce paper use by an additional 5% per faculty member from its 2007-2008 use.
2. Implement policy developed in 2008-2009.

Year 5: 2011-2012

1. Implement policy developed in 2008-2009.

If funding is available (\$10,000.00), we will fund students to create innovative ways for the department to decrease its carbon loading.

If additional funding is available (50,000.00) we will reduce or eliminate our carbon footprint by using the roof of North Quad to generate solar power or wind power. We would work with a department in the sciences to create a student research program based on the data we would be able to generate.