

# UW-Stout FOCUS 2015 University Priority

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## 1. University Priority

### *“What solution are you proposing?”*

Assert/Demonstrate leadership in sustainability, including campus policy development and active participation in regional initiatives and groups.

#### *Linkage to Strategic Plans:*

Linkage to enduring goals:

- Offer high quality, challenging academic programs that influence and respond to a changing society.
- Preserve and enhance our educational processes through the application of active learning principles.
- Promote excellence in teaching, research, scholarship and service.
- Recruit and retain a diverse university population.
- Foster a collegial, trusting and tolerant campus climate.
- Provide safe, accessible, effective, efficient and inviting physical facilities.
- Provide responsive, efficient, and cost-effective educational support programs and services.

Linkage to FOCUS 2015 goals:

- Develop knowledge, respect and validation of differing values, cultures and beliefs in students, faculty and staff
- Expand early and ongoing experiential learning opportunities including undergraduate applied research and entrepreneurship
- Further develop and execute integrated enrollment management
- Focus on sustainability: Implement key elements of the President’s Climate Commitment and educational and applied research initiatives

## 2. Statement of the Issue:

One to two sentences summarizing the answer to the question: *“What issue are you trying to solve?”*

Tackling the Presidents Climate Commitment.

Bringing the talent and abilities of the university’s leadership and governance groups, as well as individual faculty, staff and students, to address sustainability issues on campus and in the region.

To establish the framework for sustainability through policy development.

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3. Action Plan:	Responsible:	Timeline:
<i>“What has to be done for this priority to succeed?”</i>	<i>“Who are the positions or people that will be responsible for each step?”</i>	<i>MUST be specific target completion date.</i>
Research best practices in policies (AASHE for example)	<b>Diane Moen (sponsor);</b> Environmental Sustainability Steering Committee	November 1, 2009
Recommend policy topic list	<b>Diane Moen (sponsor);</b> Environmental Sustainability Steering Committee	December 15, 2009
Propose, at minimum, two policies for campus review and recommendation	<b>Diane Moen (sponsor);</b> Environmental Sustainability Steering Committee	April 1, 2010
Identify and request to be a part of regional initiatives promoting sustainability (i.e. Sustainable Dunn, RTA, Tainter/Lake Menomin Lake Association)	Environmental Sustainability Coordinator	October 1, 2009 and ongoing
Appoint appropriate representatives to regional initiatives and arrange student experiences as appropriate	Program Directors	October 1, 2009 and ongoing

4. Implication for Resources:
<i>“What is needed for this priority to succeed?”</i> (Human, fiscal, physical, other)

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### 5. Key Measures of Performance:

It is the expectation that priority owners will be using/maintaining the process measures to assess action plan deployment. At the end of the fiscal year, the Strategic Planning Group will review and discuss the implementation progress and impact.

*Process Measures:*

Identify no more than two process measures when answering the question:

***“What information will be collected to assess successful deployment of the action plan?”***

*Performance Indicators:*

BPA is responsible for benchmarking overall performance to answer the question:

***“What information will be collected to benchmark and measure the priority’s success?”***