

Campus Sustainability

Responsible Administrator: Director of Facilities

In accordance with the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) Board Policy 706 and Section 1.12, Wis. Stats, Southwest Wisconsin Technical College (Southwest Tech) will consider energy conservation as an important factor as part of reviews and decisions about college plans that might affect energy usage. This extends to facilities management, purchasing, and all campus operations that may have an impact on the environment.

Consistent with these statutory responsibilities, Southwest Tech and its Board recognizes importance for all facilities and operations to be environmentally responsible and sustainable. Green or sustainable facilities management is the practice of creating healthier and more resource-efficient models of construction, renovation, operation, and maintenance of buildings.

Therefore, Southwest Tech shall:

1. Follow sound facility management practices by promoting the effective use of existing campus space; promoting health, comfort and performance; conserving natural resources; and reducing detrimental effects on the environment.
2. Comply with WTCS Energy Consumption Guidelines. Apply a whole-building approach to sustainability in five areas identified by the US Green Building Council as key for its Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification: sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection, and indoor environmental quality.
3. Insure that any new construction or any major renovation is designed and constructed to meet or exceed the US Green Building Council's LEED Certified level of sustainability.
4. Promote LEED standards for operation and maintenance of existing buildings.
5. Purchase Energy Star Rated products whenever possible.
6. Purchase products with post consumer content.
7. Encourage behavior of students and staff that supports sustainability, such as recycling, car pooling, turning lights off, and use of recycled content products.
8. As part of this policy an annual report on sustainable practices and programs shall be presented to the Board.

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