


POLICY MEMORANDUM NO. 248

TO: Faculty, Staff, and Students

FROM: Charles W. Steger 

DATE: October 12, 2007

Subject: Establishment of the University Committee on Energy and Sustainability

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Approved by the President: April 30, 2007
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The University Council on recommendation of the Commission on University Support approved a resolution to establish the University Committee on Energy and Sustainability.

Following is the text of that resolution.

WHEREAS, for many years, the University has been devoted to the critical importance of energy supply and use, as well as resource conservation; and,

WHEREAS, the University has a number of initiatives that involve academic programs and collaborations that support sustainability initiatives within the University; and,

WHEREAS, the University has regular involvement with student leadership dedicated to sustainability; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Blacksburg and Virginia Tech have worked collaboratively for many years to advance programs in support of environmental sensitivity; and

WHEREAS, the University proposes to formally establish a University Committee on Energy and Sustainability that would review and provide advice to the University Administration on broad policy issues relating to the University's energy supply and use, as well as resource conservation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the University recognizes the efforts on students, faculty, and staff to improve the campus energy and sustainability programs; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University formally establishes the Committee on Energy and Sustainability as a part of the university governance structure, reporting to the Commission on University Support.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University Council By-laws be amended to reflect the creation of this University Committee, with a charge and membership as follows:

ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

CHARGE: To review and provide advice to the University Administration on broad policy issues relating to the university's energy supply and use, and resource conversation. *Reports to: Commission on University Support.*

CHAIR: Appointed annually by the President.

Vice President for Administrative Services or designee	Ex-officio
Vice President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer or designee	Ex-officio
Assistant Vice President for Facilities	Ex-officio
University Architect	Ex-officio
Assistant Vice President for Administration	Ex-officio

Four Representatives from Virginia Tech Facilities selected by the Vice President for Administrative Services (three-year terms)

One Representative from Virginia Tech Environmental Health & Safety Services selected by the Vice President for Administrative Services (one-year term)

Four representatives from the Faculty Senate nominated by the Faculty Senate (three-year terms)

Two representatives from the Staff Senate nominated by the Staff Senate (three-year term)

One college dean selected by the Council of College Deans (two-year term)

One representative from the Graduate Student Assembly nominated by the GSA (one-year term)

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One representative from the Student Government Association nominated by the SGA (one-year term)

Two representatives from the Environmental Coalition nominated by the EC (one-year term)

Note: Membership may be changed in accordance with the Constitution and By-laws of University Council.