

# Bylaws of The Iowa State University Council on Sustainability

## Article I

### Purpose, Function and Policies

**Section 1. Purpose.** The Council is organized and shall be operated exclusively for the promotion of sustainability as a core value of Iowa State University. The specific purposes and objectives of the Council shall include, but not be limited to, development of a community that promotes and sustains sustainability.

**Section 2. Function.** To achieve this purpose the Council shall serve as a learning community to coordinate information, activities, and to facilitate collaboration.

a) What the Council does will include:

1. Encouraging alliances that increase sustainability consciousness and literacy among all the members of the university encompassing outreach, teaching, research, professional development, and institutional practices;
2. Recommending sustainable policies and processes as appropriate to Iowa State University;
3. Developing student environmental stewardship through interactions with a network of environmental contacts;
4. Communicating the Iowa State University's sustainability successes and challenges.

b) How the council will facilitate this work includes:

1. Discussing a broad agenda of sustainability issues and projects
2. Providing recommendations for actions to the Steering Committee
3. Actively participating in university committees and working groups.

**Section 3. Policies.**

- a) This Council shall not promote the political or financial agenda of any member(s) or organization(s).
- b) This Council shall in no manner undertake to control the policies or actions of Iowa State University.
- c) The Chair of the Steering Committee will be the official COS contact with ISU administration.

## Article II

### Membership

**Section 1. Qualifications.** Any faculty, staff, and student of Iowa State University may become a member, abiding by the bylaws of the Iowa State University Council on Sustainability.

**Section 2. Participation.** All ISU Council on Sustainability (COS) members are expected to be active participants. An active participant attends and participates in regular and special meetings of the Council.

**Section 3. COS Committees.** The ISU Council on Sustainability can form ad hoc working groups to pursue specific activities necessary to fulfill its mission. These ad hoc working groups will be self governing within the Bylaws of the ISU Council on Sustainability.

### **Article III** **Steering Committee**

**Section 1. General Powers.** The affairs, management, and power of this Council, including the power to adopt, amend and alter the bylaws, are vested in the Steering Committee. Activities of the Council on Sustainability are discussed and approved by the Steering Committee.

**Section 2. Number.** The number of the Steering Committee members shall be no less than six. Steering Committee membership is predicated on interest but all reasonable attempts should be made to reflect gender, racial, community, expertise and institutional diversity.

**Section 3. Terms of Appointment.** Students shall have a one-year term, with the option for an additional term. Faculty and staff shall have staggered two-year terms with a limit of two consecutive terms. Terms of office July 1 and end on June 30 of the following year. Vacancies that arise due to incomplete terms shall be filled as soon as possible from ISU Council on Sustainability participants.