



# UW FACILITIES + UW SUSTAINABILITY

**UW Executive Order 13** calls on UW to be a “model of environmental stewardship and sustainability by identifying and supporting efficient, cost-effective, sustainable practices in all its operations.”

## UNIVERSITY INFLUENCE

### SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

UW Sustainability is helping to start the process of creating a comprehensive Sustainability Plan for the university, which would build on the existing Climate Action Plan and identify short-, medium- and long-range targets and implementable actions across a broad range of sustainability topics. The process will include voices from students, faculty, staff and leadership as the plan is created and implemented.

### ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The UW Environmental Stewardship Committee is comprised of leaders from administrative and academic units across the UW, as well as student representatives and members from the Bothell and Tacoma campuses. UW Sustainability supports the committee and guides the agenda for the committee, which provides an advisory role to UW senior leadership.

### REPORTING

UW Sustainability helps the UW maintain its national leadership position in campus sustainability by coordinating data collection and reporting on sustainability, including the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS). UW Sustainability has leveraged this reporting function into an opportunity for intra-campus collaboration, bringing together the All-STARS (a group of data stakeholders across UW) for regular meeting facilitating idea sharing and problem solving. We have also expanded our reporting to encompass all three UW campuses.

### POLICY

The UW recently issued Green Building Standards for new construction at the university requiring all new projects to meet a minimum of LEED Gold. UW Sustainability was part of the discussion groups which arrived at these new standards. We are currently working with other groups in UW Facilities and across campus to determine how best to meet future energy needs in a sustainable manner, including solutions to increase the use of renewable energy.

## DIRECT IMPACT

A move to integrate UW Sustainability in Facilities Asset Management will provide opportunities for our work to impact operations from a lifecycle perspective, include sustainability in capital planning and foster seamless collaborations with Facilities and academic departments.

UW Sustainability was established in 2008 under the Senior Vice President providing university wide resources that developed the Climate Action Plan; created communications and reporting infrastructure; and supported the student-led Campus Sustainability Fund, strategic initiatives and campus engagement programs. In 2018, a reorganization integrated UW Sustainability with UW Facilities Asset Management. This move will enable impact on large scale projects such as new building construction, maintenance and operations, and developing the pathway for a clean energy future.

