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Environmental Policy

The policy of SGT University is to affirm the University's commitment to conserve and continuously improve our environment by addressing contemporary issues and manage its operations in ways that are environmentally sustainable, economically feasible and socially responsible. Therefore, this 'policy represents an important component of the University's broader vision in building a peaceful and sustainable global civilization.

1. Environment Management

- To promote and ensure a sound understanding of current environmental performance and practices throughout the University.
- As a minimum, to comply with the requirements of relevant legislation.
- To reduce and, where practicable, prevent pollution and adopt targets for improving environmental performance.
- Collaborating with apt outside organisations to advance our understanding of environmental problems and their solutions.
- To Improve consciousness generation related to environment review through internal and external certified auditors so as to recognize key areas of improvement and subsequent application for adopting relevant environment strategies solutions.

2. Awareness and Training

- To develop a range of environmentally relevant undergraduate and postgraduate courses building on those courses currently offered.
- To increase awareness of staff and students of the University's environmental impact, activities and performance and good practice.
- To deliver appropriate environmental educational programmes for university pupils and nearby community.
- To create awareness among pupils and community about conservation of natural resources and inspire them on ensuring good environment practice.

3. Waste Reduction and Recycling

- To set and achieve targets for reducing resource use.
- To minimise the adverse environmental impacts of disposal of University assets.
- To increase the rate of recycling of all appropriate materials.
- To implement sustainable resource management practices, based on reduce, reuse and recycle principles.

4. Carbon Management

- To implement a carbon management plan, including efficient use of energy by monitoring, control and managing through effective management.
- To confirm the uptake of low carbon technologies in buildings and equipment.

5. Water

- To make efficient and environmentally responsible use of water, including identifying opportunities for water reuse.
- To develop a sustainable water management system through various techniques such as rain water harvesting, sewage treatment plants etc.

6. Procurement

To promote life cycle thinking in the procurement of goods and services.

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 To work with suppliers to promote sustainable resource management practices.

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7. Transport

 To implement sustainable transport practices across all activities with the aim of achieving the University's carbon reduction targets.

8. University Estate

- To develop and implement a University estate strategy based on sound environmental and sustainability principles.
- To manage the University estate with a view to protect natural habitats and enhancement of biodiversity wherever possible.
- To require a sustainable construction plan for any new University development and refurbishment project.

Policy Evaluation and Activity Monitoring:

The main responsibility for implementation of this policy lies within the Authorities of the University and the Vice-Chancellor as the University's Chief Executive.

The Environmental Committee nominated by the Vice-Chancellor will actively monitor the performance of Faculty and Department in the implementation of the aims and objectives of this Policy in the activities under their control and work on the overall environment and sustainability of the university in liaison with different department heads. The committee will monitor, audit and provide recommendations as and when required to be implemented within the University premise.

The Deans/ Principle of Faculty and the Heads of the Departments are responsible for ensuring the compliance with University Environment Policy within their area of control and report to the centrally constituted Environmental Committee of SGT University. All Faculty and Departments are required to make arrangements for promoting environmental awareness and dealing with environmental impacts encountered within their sphere of activities.

Whilst the University accepts the main responsibility for implementation of this policy, each individual plays a vital role by co-operating with those members that are responsible for safeguarding the environment. Individuals are required to abide by rules and requirements made under the authority of this policy.

