Policy: Campus Sustainability Policy Number: K-6

Responsible for Policy: Advancement Approval Date: September 2011

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Policy Statement
Finger Lakes Community College policies, practices, and decisions should, whenever possible, embody
sustainable principles that are environmentally sound, socially just, and economically viable. Policies,
practices and decisions should be made using approaches that reduce life cycle costs, restore or
maintain the functioning of natural systems, and enhance human well-being. Decisions and actions will
be guided by the College’s mission and vision statement, reflective of its resources, and informed by the
Strategic Plan.

Reason for Policy
Finger Lakes Community College is a supportive, learning-centered environment that empowers our
students, provides enriching life experiences, and enhances the quality of life throughout our
community. This includes excellence in advancing environmental stewardship and sustainability in our
campus operations, academic programs, and in our public service and outreach activities to students and
the community.

Applicability of the Policy
This policy applies to the Canandaigua campus, all campus centers, and other sites as appropriate.

Definition
Sustainability refers to societal efforts that meet the needs of present users without compromising the
ability of future generations to meet their own needs. Sustainability presumes that the planet’s resources
are finite, and should be used conservatively, wisely, and equitably. Decisions and investments aimed to
promote sustainability will simultaneously advance economic vitality, ecological integrity, and social
welfare.

Related Documents
 American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment
 FLCC’s Climate Action Plan

Procedures
No separate procedures statement

Forms/Online Documents
 None

Appendix
 None