

# Conservation and Environmental Protection

University Operations – Facilities and Support

**EWU Policy 204-05**

**Authority: EWU Board of Trustees**

**Effective May 15, 2009**

**Proponent: University President**

**Summary:** This policy establishes and describes the Environmental Advisory Council for Eastern Washington University.

**History:** This policy was published on July 12, 2012 and supersedes EWU Policy 205-05 dated May 15, 2009. This policy includes reformatting and housekeeping changes only and does not constitute any material change in policy.

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## Chapter 1 – General

### 1-1. Policy

Eastern Washington University will provide leadership in resource conservation and environmental protection. Environmental issues will be integrated into the decision-making and planning processes. In addition, a mechanism shall exist to systematically identify environmental risks, evaluate management strategies and recommend action.

### 1-2. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to state university policy relative to conservation and environmental protection and to establish a presidential advisory body to monitor related university activities while promoting programs and measures in support of environmental issues.

### 1-3. References

- a. RCW 43.21C, State Environmental Policy
- b. RCW 70.94, Washington Clean Air Act
- c. RCW 90.48, Water Pollution Control
- d. RCW 70.95, Solid Waste Management – Reduction and Recycling
- e. RCW 70.105, Hazardous Waste Management
- f. RCW 70.105D, Hazardous Waste Cleanup – Model Toxics Control Act
- g. WAC 197-11, SEPA Rules

h. WAC 172-325-010, State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)

### 1-4. Superseded Policies

This policy supersedes:

- a. UGS 200-100-020, Environmental Policy.
- b. UGS 200-100-040, Environmental Advisory Council

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## Chapter 2 – Environmental Advisory Council

### 2-1. Council Purpose

The purpose of the Environmental Advisory Council is to advise the President and the Board of Trustees on environmental issues at the university and to promote active conservation and environmental protection.

### 2-2. Composition

- a. Council Chair: A council chair shall be appointed by the university president.
- b. Vice Chair: The council shall elect a Vice Chair from among its members to preside over the Council during absences of the Chair.
- c. EWU Council Members: In addition to the Chair, the Council shall include representatives of the following EWU departments/offices:
  - (1) Vice President for Business and Finance;
  - (2) Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs;
  - (3) Auxiliary Services;
  - (4) Academic Senate;
  - (5) Facilities Maintenance;

- (6) Facilities Services;
- (7) Construction and Planning Services;
- (8) Environmental Health & Safety; and,
- (9) ASEWU

d. Community Members: EWU shall invite two (2) representatives of the local community (as shown below) to serve as non-voting members of the council.

- (1) Cheney City Administrator or their designated representative
- (2) One citizen appointed by the Cheney City Council

e. Vacant positions: Vacant council positions shall be filled as soon as is reasonably possible by the appropriate EWU department/office. Community member positions which are vacant will be filled at the discretion of the City of Cheney.

### **2-3. Terms**

EWU Council members shall generally be appointed for two-year terms and may be reappointed. Council members shall be replaced by the appointing authority when they are no longer affiliated with the department or office which they represented. Community Members' terms are at the discretion of the City of Cheney.

### **2-4. Voting**

Five voting members of the council constitute a quorum. The council chair may not vote except as needed to break a tie.

### **2-5. Responsibilities**

Specific responsibilities of the Environmental Advisory Council include:

- a. Advise the university president and the board of trustees regarding environmental issues;
- b. Encourage the inclusion of resource conservation and environmental protection at the foundation of policy making;
- c. Evaluate potential environmental risks and develop strategies for eliminating or reducing such risks;
- d. Monitor environmental regulatory compliance;

e. Endorse resource conservation and environmental education programs;

f. Review operating and capital budget allocations to assure the integration of environmental issues into decision making;

g. Guide and receive recommendations from the following:

- (1) University Safety Committee
- (2) Radiation Safety Committee

### **2-6. Meeting Schedule**

The Council will meet at least twice annually. Each year, the Chair of the Council will propose a regular schedule for meetings. The schedule will be discussed and amended, as needed, by the Council. The negotiated schedule will be adopted by the Council and then distributed to council members, members of the Executive Committee, and to the presidents of the Faculty Senate, the Classified Staff Union, and the ASEWU.

### **2-7. Meeting Conduct**

The Council may conduct business in any in any manner deemed appropriate by the Chair that is generally acceptable to the members. However, if objections or disputes arise, the Chair, at its discretion, may invoke Robert's Rules of Order as a means of proceeding.