

# Ouachita Baptist University

## Environmental Stewardship Policy

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Ouachita Baptist University is committed to being a responsible steward of the Lord's creation and the resources He has entrusted to us. To fulfill this commitment; students, faculty and staff should be mindful of and work to reduce our impact on the environment around us. This goal will be achieved through policies and guidelines that:

- conserve natural resources and support their sustainable use;
- encourage practices that safeguard the environmental health and safety of students, faculty, staff and the surrounding community;
- reduce the use of toxic substances and the generation of wastes and promote strategies to reuse and recycle those wastes that cannot be avoided;
- encourage the purchase of renewable, reusable, recyclable and recycled materials;

Specific guidelines should be adopted by the Ouachita Administration to address the following areas. In addition to these requirements, the Administration may identify other initiatives that complement these efforts and is encouraged to pursue those initiatives.

- Energy Conservation through programs that encourage students, faculty and staff to reduce energy consumption
- Energy Efficiency through green building design for new construction and renovations.
- Water Conservation through water saving building fixtures and appropriate irrigation techniques.
- Fuel Conservation through the purchase and operation of fuel efficient vehicles and the pursuit of alternative fuels such as biofuel and electricity.
- Recycling programs to reduce or eliminate the waste of recyclable materials.

## Energy Conservation

The Ouachita Baptist University Board of Trustees and Administration embrace energy conservation and believe it to be our Christian responsibility to ensure that every reasonable effort is made to conserve energy and protect our natural resources while exercising sound financial management. This policy and the accompanying guidelines have been adopted to govern our conservation efforts. Joint responsibility for implementation of this policy rests with the board of trustees, faculty, staff and students and its success can only be assured through cooperation at all levels.

The university has retained Energy Education, Inc. to develop and administer the program through an on-campus Energy Manager. All faculty and staff are expected to adhere to the guidelines included with this policy and to make a positive contribution toward maximizing energy conservation. The Vice President for Administrative Services will be accountable for the success of the energy conservation program.

The Administration will maintain accurate records of energy consumption and the cost of energy usage and will provide performance information to the Board of Trustees on the progress of the program. Any monetary savings generated by the program will be accumulated and used to improve, renovate or enhance campus facilities.