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The Campus Sustainability Office (CSO) compiles information from departments across campus annually to complete the STARS Report. The score is based on the number of points received across five categories: Academics, Engagement, Operations, and Planning & Administration, and Innovation & Leadership. PSU has maintained a Gold rating since the institution began reporting in 2011 and is within the top 40 of over 400 reporting institutions. This summary includes improvement opportunities to assist our efforts to eventually become a STARS Platinum institution. For more information on improvement opportunities please contact Amanda Wolf at wolf@pdx.edu.

### Category Improvement Opportunity

#### Academics
- **Curriculum**
  - Improve identification of existing sustainability courses • Increase sustainability course offerings / learning outcomes • Create sustainability learning assessment
  - Achieved: 31.86 Points Possible: 40 Average of reporting institutions: 23.90
- **Research**
  - Create an open access policy
  - Achieved: 18 Points Possible: 18 Average of reporting institutions: 12.47

#### Engagement
- **Campus Engagement**
  - Conduct sustainability culture assessment • Expand employee educator programs
  - Achieved: 15.72 Points Possible: 21 Average of reporting institutions: 14.42
- **Public Engagement**
  - Become a member of Fair Labor Association (FLA) and/or Worker Rights Consortium (WRC)
  - Achieved: 16.51 Points Possible: 20 Average of reporting institutions: 11.97

#### Operations
- **Air & Climate**
  - Increase carbon emissions reductions • Internal (student/faculty) or third-party verification of greenhouse gas emissions
  - Achieved: 6.16 Points Possible: 11 Average of reporting institutions: 5.46
- **Buildings**
  - Increase LEED O+M certifications • Establish campus IAQ management plan
  - Achieved: 4.13 Points Possible: 8 Average of reporting institutions: 2.56
- **Energy**
  - Reduce energy consumption • Increase clean and renewable energy sources
  - Achieved: 4.01 Points Possible: 10 Average of reporting institutions: 3.78
- **Food & Dining**
  - Increase % of third party verified and locally sourced food
  - Achieved: 3.39 Points Possible: 9 Average of reporting institutions: 2.23
- **Grounds**
  - Establish 100% organic program • Assess endangered / vulnerable species or environmentally sensitive areas
  - Achieved: 2 Points Possible: 3 Average of reporting institutions: 1.51
- **Purchasing**
  - Increase 100% recycled paper purchasing • Develop criteria for garments/linens
  - Achieved: 4.78 Points Possible: 8 Average of reporting institutions: 3.25
- **Transportation**
  - Increase vehicles using alternative fuels in campus fleet
  - Achieved: 4.96 Points Possible: 7 Average of reporting institutions: 3.50
- **Waste**
  - Increase waste diversion rate
  - Achieved: 5.28 Points Possible: 10 Average of reporting institutions: 4.50
- **Water**
  - Create a more comprehensive storm water management plan
  - Achieved: 5 Points Possible: 6 Average of reporting institutions: 2.62

#### Planning & Administration
- **Coordination & Planning**
  - Create staff senate/advisory board • Elect student/staff, faculty representatives to Board of Trustees • Establish policy for engaging external stakeholders in plans
  - Achieved: 6.63 Points Possible: 8 Average of reporting institutions: 5.24
- **Diversity & Affordability**
  - Increase student participation in cultural competence training • Create staff recruiting program • Increase % of access/affordability low-income students
  - Achieved: 8.51 Points Possible: 10 Average of reporting institutions: 6.90
- **Investment & Finance**
  - Establish Committee on Investor Responsibility • Make more sustainable investments • Establish investment disclosure
  - Achieved: 1.32 Points Possible: 7 Average of reporting institutions: 1.12
- **Wellbeing & Work**
  - Establish commitment to living wage • Increase living wage contract employees • Assess employee satisfaction • Decrease workplace injuries
  - Achieved: 3.47 Points Possible: 7 Average of reporting institutions: 3.27

#### Innovation & Leadership
- **Exemplary Practice & Innovation**
  - N/A
  - Achieved: 4 Points Possible: 4 Average of reporting institutions: 2.66

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