

# FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

## LEADERSHIP IN ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN (LEED) CERTIFICATION

<b>Authority:</b>	Issued by the Chancellor. Changes or exceptions to administrative policies issued by the Chancellor may only be made by the Chancellor.
<b>Category:</b>	Business, Finance and Other Administrative Services
<b>Applies to:</b>	● Administrators      ● Staff
<b>History:</b>	Approved – March 3, 2012
<b>Related Policies:</b>	● <i>Sustainability</i> ● <i>Sustainability Policy</i> [UNC Policy #600.6.1] ● <i>Sustainable and Green Building Practices</i> [North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resource]
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### I. PURPOSE

Fayetteville State University (University) is committed to being a good environmental steward and proactive manager of energy, water and other natural resources within the University's control. The University has made sustainability a core value of institutional operations, planning, capital construction and purchasing practices. Sustainability has also been incorporated into the University's Strategic Plan. The purpose of this *Policy* is to provide guidance concerning "green" building standards that will be utilized when new facilities are being constructed or major renovations are made to existing University facilities.

### II. LEED CERTIFICATION

It is the intent of the University to construct "green" buildings that promote healthful, durable, affordable, and environmentally sound practices in building design and construction. To accomplish this, the University has adopted this *Policy* to ensure that all new buildings, as well as major renovations, are capable of being Leadership in Environmental and Energy Design (LEED) certified or a similar equivalency. LEED is an international recognized green building certification system developed by the U.S. Green Building Council. Buildings may be LEED certified after there is third party verification that the building is designed and built to specified standards in order to conserve energy and water, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and provide a healthy indoor environment.

Buildings that achieve LEED certification are awarded Certified, Silver, Gold, or Platinum certification depending on the number of credits earned. LEED buildings are assessed in six performance areas:

- Sustainable sites (e.g. reducing stormwater run-off, and using trees to create shade)
- Water efficiency (e.g. innovative ways to reduce water use)
- Energy (e.g. using renewable energy and optimizing energy efficiency)
- Materials and resources (e.g. using certified wood and recycled materials)
- Indoor environmental quality (e.g. using low emitting materials)
- Innovation (innovation in design)
- Regional Priority (e.g., benefit to the University's local and regional area)

The University shall attempt to obtain no less than a silver certification for its newly constructed or renovated buildings.

### **III. RESPONSIBLE UNITS**

University units whose responsibilities include planning, designing, constructing or renovating University facilities shall be responsible for ensuring adherence to this *Policy*.