PA 1: Sustainability Coordination

1 point available

A. Credit Rationale
This credit recognizes institutions with active committees, offices, or officers charged by the administration or board of trustees to coordinate sustainability work on campus. Institution-wide coordination helps institutions organize, implement, and publicize sustainability initiatives.

B. Criteria
Institution has at least one sustainability committee, office, and/or officer tasked by the administration or board of trustees to advise on and implement policies and programs related to sustainability on campus. The committee, office, and/or officer focus on sustainability broadly (i.e. not just one sustainability issue, such as climate change) and cover the entire institution.

An institution that has multiple committees, offices and/or staff with responsibility for subsets of the institution (e.g. schools or departments) may earn points for this credit if it has a mechanism for broad sustainability coordination for the entire campus (e.g. a coordinating committee or the equivalent). A committee, office, and/or officer that focuses on just one department or school within the institution does not count for this credit in the absence of institution-wide coordination.

C. Applicability
This credit applies to all institutions.

D. Scoring
Institutions earn 1 point for having at least one committee, office, and/or officer that meets the criteria outlined above. Partial points are not available for this credit.

E. Reporting Fields
Required
- An indication of whether the institution has at least one sustainability committee, office, and/or officer that focuses on sustainability broadly and covers the entire institution
- An indication of whether the institution has at least one sustainability committee
- An indication of whether the institution has at least one sustainability office that includes more than 1 full-time equivalent (FTE) employee
- An indication of whether the institution has at least one sustainability officer
An affirmation that the submitted information is accurate to the best of a responsible party’s knowledge and contact information for the responsible party. The responsible party should be a staff member, faculty member, or administrator who can respond to questions regarding the data once submitted and available to the public.

Conditional
Required if the institution is reporting a sustainability committee, office, and/or officer:
- A brief description of the activities and substantive accomplishments of the committee(s), office(s), and/or officer(s) during the previous three years

Required if the institution is reporting a sustainability committee:
- The charter or mission statement of the committee(s) or a brief description of each committee's purview and activities
- Members of each committee, including affiliations and role (e.g. staff, student, or faculty)

Required if the institution is reporting a sustainability office:
- A brief description of each sustainability office
- Full-time equivalent (FTE) of people employed in the sustainability office(s)

Required if the institution is reporting a sustainability officer:
- Name and title of each sustainability officer
- A brief description of each sustainability officer position

Optional
- The website URL where information about the sustainability committee(s) is available
- The website URL where information about the sustainability office(s) is available
- The website URL where information about the sustainability officer(s) is available
- Notes about the submission

F. Measurement

Timeframe
Report on current sustainability committee composition and practices, office status, and/or officer position status.

Sampling and Data Standards
Not applicable