AC 7: Incentives for Developing Courses

2 points available

A. Credit Rationale
This credit recognizes institutions that offer incentives to help faculty expand sustainability course offerings. Providing release time, funding for professional development, trainings, and other incentives can help faculty broaden and deepen sustainability curriculum. Faculty often need these incentives to determine how best to include sustainability in their courses. Providing such incentives lends institutional support to increased sustainability course offerings.

B. Criteria
Institution has an ongoing program or programs that offer incentives for faculty in multiple disciplines or departments to develop new sustainability courses and/or incorporate sustainability into existing courses or departments. The program specifically aims to increase student learning of sustainability.

Incentives may include release time, funding for professional development, and trainings offered by the institution.

Incentives for expanding sustainability offerings in academic, non-credit, and/or continuing education courses count for this credit.

C. Applicability
This credit applies to all institutions.

D. Scoring
Institutions earn 2 points for meeting the criteria outlined above. Partial points are not available for this credit.

E. Reporting Fields

Required

☐ An indication of whether the institution has an ongoing incentives program or programs that meet the criteria for this credit

☐ 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 an incentives program:
- A brief description of the program(s), including positive outcomes during the previous three years (e.g. descriptions of new courses or course content resulting from the program)
- A brief description of the incentives that faculty members who participate in the program(s) receive

Optional
- The website URL where information about the incentive program(s) is available
- Notes about the submission

F. Measurement

Timeframe
Programs or incentives that were offered within the three years prior to the anticipated date of submission are eligible for this credit.

Sampling and Data Standards
Not applicable