

Environmental Policy

Purpose	To establish guidelines for practices that promote a healthy environment.
Policy	<p>VCC believes that a healthy environment is essential for the health and well-being of present and future generations. The College will encourage environmentally friendly decision making in all aspects of its operation, based on the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) effectivenessb) availabilityc) cost
Applies to	The VCC Community.
Definitions	<p><i>“Environment”</i>: means the biophysical conditions under which people or things live or are developed.</p> <p><i>“The VCC Community”</i>: means everyone associated with the College, including students, members of faculty and staff, visitors, contractors, suppliers and users of facilities.</p>
Procedures	<p><i>1. Identify Priorities for Action:</i></p> <p>Budget Managers will evaluate goods, services and purchases in an attempt to make choices that minimize environmental damage.</p> <p>Such action may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• reducing consumption, re-using or arranging for the re-use of goods, and recycling;• recovering or reclaiming materials before final disposal;• replacing goods and services with environmentally

sensitive ones where appropriate.

2. *Inform and Educate the Community:*

The Environmental Issues Advisory Group* will promote awareness through internal and external communications and events.

3. *Evaluate:*

The Environmental Issues Advisory Group will submit regular reports to Operations Council based on effectiveness, degree of participation, potential environmental initiatives and concerns and costs.

*See Appendix for Terms of Reference of Environmental Issues Advisory Group

1. Policy Sponsor: President

2. Approvals:

President: _____

Date: _____

Education Council Chair: _____

Date: _____

Operations Council Chair: _____

Date: _____

Board Chair: _____

Date: _____

3. Amendments:

President: _____

Date: _____

Education Council Chair: _____

Date: _____

Operations Council Chair: _____

Date: _____

Board Chair: _____

Date: _____

4. Review Date: