

POSITION STATEMENT: Environmental Sustainability

ISSUE:

Ensuring the prioritization of environmental sustainability and long-term environmental well-being through coordinated institutional action and student collaboration. Students deserve to live and learn in environments that are environmentally responsible, resilient, and committed to protecting the well-being of both current and future generations.

RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY:

- The Bishop's University Students' Representative Council
- Bishop's University
- City of Sherbrooke
- Borough of Lennoxville
- Government of Quebec
- Government of Canada

DETAILS:

The climate crisis is an urgent global issue with direct implications for students' futures and the surrounding environmental areas at Bishop's. Environmental sustainability integrates into all areas of student life, including academics, athletics, mental health, and day-to-day living.

IMPACT/ANALYSIS:

Environmental sustainability efforts must be supported by clear collaboration with the Bishop's community. Students have identified concerns regarding the lack of information around environmental initiatives and moments where waste could be prevented, such as moving weekends. Addressing environmental challenges demands both structural support and shared community responsibility.

POSITION:

The Bishop's University Students' Representative Council (BUSRC) is committed to creating a campus and greater community that prioritizes environmental sustainability and long-term environmental action. The BUSRC believes sustainability must be integrated into all areas of student life and that Bishop's and its surrounding community should lead environmental change.

The Students' Representative Council supports the following:

Long-Term Goals:

- Clearer and accessible composting and recycling systems within Lennoxville to support students living off-campus

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- Ongoing environmental education and sustainability training for student leaders and community members

Short-Term Goals:

- Enhanced community sustainability measures during moving weekends to support students
- Stronger institutional collaboration with the Borough of Lennoxville to improve off-campus environmental practices

The Students' Representative Council opposes the following:

- Policies that shift environmental responsibility onto students without adequate support or infrastructure
- Inaction during peak waste periods leads to preventable environmental damage in the Bishop's and Lennoxville communities.