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Policy Statement	<p>AAU is committed to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Design and Construction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Adopting and adhering to recognized sustainable building standards (e.g., LEED, BREEAM, or equivalent). ▪ Ensuring that all new construction and major renovation projects meet or exceed a silver rating (or equivalent) in the chosen sustainable building certification. ▪ Integrating sustainable design principles from the earliest stages of project planning. 2. Energy Efficiency: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Implementing energy-efficient systems and technologies to minimize energy consumption. ▪ Regularly auditing and upgrading existing buildings to improve energy efficiency. ▪ Transitioning to renewable energy sources where feasible. 3. Water Conservation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Employing water-efficient landscaping and irrigation practices. ▪ Installing water-efficient fixtures and appliances in all buildings. ▪ Implementing systems for rainwater harvesting and wastewater treatment and reuse where possible. 4. Materials and Resources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Prioritizing the use of sustainable, recycled, and locally sourced materials. ▪ Implementing waste reduction strategies and promoting recycling and composting programs. ▪ Ensuring proper disposal or recycling of construction and demolition waste. 	



	<p>5. Indoor Environmental Quality:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Designing buildings to maximize natural light and ensure good indoor air quality. ▪ Using low-emitting materials to reduce the presence of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and other harmful substances. ▪ Providing adequate ventilation and thermal comfort systems that promote the health and well-being of occupants. <p>6. Education and Awareness:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Encouraging and facilitating education and research on sustainable building practices. ▪ Promoting awareness among students, faculty, and staff about the benefits of sustainable buildings. <p>7. Continuous Improvement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Regularly reviewing and updating building policies and practices to incorporate advancements in sustainable building technologies and standards. ▪ Monitoring and reporting on the performance of sustainable buildings to inform future projects.
<p>Policy Purpose</p>	<p>This policy aims to outline the principles and procedures that AAU commits to in its efforts to design, construct, operate, and maintain campus buildings in an environmentally sustainable and responsible manner. The policy aims to minimize the environmental impact of university buildings, promote energy efficiency, and ensure the well-being of its occupants.</p>
<p>Policy Scope</p>	<p>This policy applies to all new construction projects, major renovations, and applicable minor renovation projects on the AAU campus. It covers all phases of building design, construction, operation, and decommissioning.</p>
<p>Policy Responsibilities</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Sustainability Office is responsible for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Developing and updating the sustainable building guidelines. ▪ Assisting in the implementation of this policy. 2. The General Supplies and Services Department is responsible for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ensuring compliance with sustainable building standards in all construction and renovation projects. ▪ Maintaining buildings under sustainability best practices. 3. All university departments and units are responsible for:



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Cooperating with the Sustainability Office and General Supplies and Services Department in implementing this policy.▪ Encouraging staff and students to participate in sustainability initiatives related to building use and maintenance.
Policy Compliance	Non-compliance with this policy may result in a review and possible delay or halting of the project until compliance is achieved. Continuous non-compliance may lead to more stringent administrative measures.
Policy Review	This policy will be reviewed and revised as necessary, at a minimum every five years, to ensure it remains effective and aligned with the latest sustainable building practices and university goals.