

UNIVERSITY *of* HOUSTON  
MANUAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

**SECTION: Campus Sustainability**  
**AREA: Operations**

**Number: 14.01.02**

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| <b>SUBJECT: Sustainable Dining Services</b> |
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I. Purpose and Scope

The purpose of this policy is to prescribe guidelines for sustainability in campus dining operations.

II. Policy Statement

The University of Houston is committed to incorporating sustainable practices into its dining program when operationally feasible and where these practices are in support of the criteria defined by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE). The university also commits to manage its food waste in a way that minimizes the university's impact on the environment.

In keeping with this philosophy, the university and its contract food service provider will:

- A. Support a tray-less environment in the university's residential dining halls to reduce food waste.
- B. Serve only Fair Trade coffee in the university's residential dining halls and offer at least one Fair Trade coffee blend in the university's retail coffee shops.
- C. Offer at least one Fair Trade coffee blend for on-campus catering.
- D. Serve a vegan and/or vegetarian option at every meal in the university's residential dining halls.
- E. Make every effort to not use trans fat or ingredients that include trans fat in its residential dining operations.
- F. Participate in a campus composting program.

III. Responsibilities

- A. UH Dining Services is responsible for ensuring that the above objectives are met and providing reports as requested to the Office of University Services, as required by AASHE.
- B. The Office of University Services will publish online information as available and report activities to the Campus Sustainability Task Force.
- C. Information and updates on these activities will be available on the Green UH [web site](#).