Title: Climate Change Policy

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1. Purpose

Gulf University recognizes the urgent need to address climate change and its impact on the environment, society, and economy. This policy establishes guidelines for reducing the university's carbon footprint, promoting sustainable practices, raising awareness about climate change, and integrating climate action into all aspects of university operations and planning.

2. Scope

The document applies to all Gulf University processes and functions.

3. Acronyms

BQA	Education and Training Quality Authority
COO	Chief Operating Officer
HEC	Higher Education Council

4. Definitions

- **Climate Change:** Long-term changes in temperature, precipitation, and other atmospheric conditions resulting from human activities, leading to global warming and its associated impacts, such as sea-level rise, extreme weather events, and biodiversity loss.
- **Greenhouse Gas Emissions:** Gases, such as carbon dioxide and methane, that trap heat in the Earth's atmosphere, contributing to the greenhouse effect and global warming.
- **Sustainability:** The practice of meeting current needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs, considering environmental, social, and economic factors.

5. Policy Details:

5.1. **Carbon Footprint Reduction:** Gulf University commits to reduce its carbon footprint by implementing energy efficiency measures, promoting renewable energy sources, reducing waste generation, and adopting sustainable transportation practices.

5.2. **Greenhouse Gas Mitigation:** The university aspires to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from its operations, buildings, and activities by setting emission reduction targets, monitoring emissions, and implementing strategies to minimize carbon emissions.

5.3. **Climate Resilience:** Gulf University is keen to enhance its resilience to climate change impact by integrating climate considerations into infrastructure planning, disaster preparedness, and risk management strategies to ensure the continuity of operations in the face of climate-related challenges.

5.4.**Education and Awareness:** The university promotes education and awareness about climate change, sustainability, and environmental conservation among students, staff, and the wider community to foster a culture of environmental responsibility and climate action.

5.5.**Partnerships and Collaboration**: Gulf University is committed to collaborate with government agencies, industry partners, non-profit organizations, and other stakeholders to exchange knowledge, share best practices, and collectively address the challenges of climate change in Bahrain and beyond.

6. Procedures

6.1.**Carbon Inventory:** The responsible team shall conduct a comprehensive inventory of greenhouse gas emissions from university operations, including energy consumption, transportation, waste generation, and other sources, to establish a baseline for emission reduction efforts.

6.2.**Emission Reduction Strategies:** The Sustainability and Development Makers Center shall develop and implement strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, such as energy conservation measures, renewable energy adoption, sustainable transportation options, waste reduction programs, and green procurement practices.

6.3.**Climate Action Plan:** The center shall develop a climate action plan that outlines specific goals, targets, and actions to mitigate climate change impacts, adapt to changing climate conditions, and promote sustainability across all university activities.

7. Responsibilities

Board of Trustees is responsible for:

- Ensuring appropriate implementation of this policy.

President is responsible for:

- Ensuring appropriate implementation of this policy.

Vice President for Academic Affairs is responsible for:

- Appropriate implementation of this policy.

Chief Operating Officer is responsible for:

- Appropriate implementation of this policy.

Facilities and Purchasing Manager

- Following this policy appropriately.

8. Related Policies

- All University Policies

9. Related Procedures

- All University Procedures

10. Related References and Standards

BQA	Institutional Review Handbook
BQA	National Qualifications Framework Handbook
BQA	Programs-within-College Reviews Handbook
HEC	Regulations and Resolutions

President Signature: