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**Climate Action Policy of Azerbaijan State University of Culture and Arts
(ASUCA)**

Introduction

Azerbaijan State University of Culture and Arts (ASUCA) recognizes the urgent need for collective action to address climate change and its impacts on society, culture, and the environment. As an institution of higher education, ASUCA is committed to promoting sustainable development through education, research, and community engagement. This Climate Action Policy provides a strategic framework to guide ASUCA's efforts to mitigate climate change, raise environmental awareness, and promote sustainable practices both within the university and in the wider community.

Vision

To lead in environmental sustainability and climate action within higher education by fostering cultural and artistic expressions that inspire and advocate for a sustainable future.

Objectives

- 1. Reduce Carbon Footprint:** Achieve measurable reductions in greenhouse gas emissions from university operations, transportation, and energy consumption.
- 2. Promote Sustainable Practices:** Integrate sustainability into the university's curriculum, research initiatives, and operational procedures.

3. Raise Awareness and Education: Foster a culture of environmental awareness and responsibility among students, faculty, and staff through targeted educational programs and campaigns.

4. Strengthen Partnerships: Collaborate with local, national, and international organizations to share best practices, resources, and experiences in climate action and sustainability.

5. Support Research and Innovation: Stimulate research initiatives that address the challenges of climate change and foster the development of innovative solutions.

Strategies

1. Sustainable Campus Initiatives

- Implement energy-efficient technologies and practices in university buildings.
- Promote waste reduction, recycling, and responsible consumption among students and staff.
- Increase green spaces on campus to enhance biodiversity and provide educational opportunities related to environmental conservation.

2. Integrating Teaching and Research

- Develop and offer courses focusing on sustainability, climate change, and environmental issues across disciplines.
- Encourage faculty and students to engage in research projects that address climate change impacts and solutions.
- Integrate sustainability topics into existing programs, especially in the arts, culture, and design.

3. Awareness and Engagement Programs

- Organize workshops, seminars, and events that promote sustainability and climate action within the university community.
- Launch campaigns to raise awareness of environmental issues and encourage sustainable behavior among students and staff.
- Engage students in volunteer opportunities and projects related to environmental protection and sustainable development.

4. Collaborative Partnerships

- Establish partnerships with local authorities, NGOs, and educational institutions to advance joint climate action initiatives.

- Participate in national and international networks focused on sustainable development and climate action, such as the Cumulus International Association of Art Universities and the Black Sea Universities Network.
- Collaborate with industry stakeholders to explore sustainable practices and innovations in the creative sectors.

5. Monitoring and Reporting

- Develop indicators to measure progress towards climate action targets and initiatives, including energy consumption, waste management, and greenhouse gas emissions.
- Prepare an annual sustainability report outlining efforts, achievements, and areas for improvement in the area of climate action.
- Regularly review and update the Climate Action Policy to ensure it remains relevant and effective in addressing evolving climate challenges.

Implementation

The implementation of this Climate Action Policy will be overseen by the University Sustainability Committee, which will consist of representatives from various faculties, student organizations, and administrative bodies. The Committee will be responsible for coordinating initiatives, monitoring progress, and facilitating communication within the University community.