

MEMORANDUM

To: Division of Student Affairs

Through: Dr. Craig Rotter, Primary Advisor, Residence Hall Association

From: Dustin Grabsch, President, Residence Hall Association
Jonathan Luu, Vice President of Policy & Advocacy, Residence Hall Association

Date: February 4, 2009

Re: Office Sustainability Guide

Please accept this correspondence on behalf of the Texas A&M University Residence Hall Association.

Through a survey, we conducted with the help of Student Life Studies, we have identified that students have developed an intangible and intriguing interest in the environmental, fiscal, and social forces of our university, and how it affects our role in the local and global community. As students representing students who live on campus live on a premiere institution of higher education, we assert that it is our responsibility to assume the leadership role in promoting and demonstrating changes needed for a more sustainable world.

The Residence Hall Association (RHA) has developed an "Office Sustainability Guide" for the Division of Student Affairs in an effort to demonstrate student support to incorporate sustainable practices within university functions. In this document, it identifies the problems and players of sustainability, sustainable office product alternatives, energy conservation considerations, recycling programs, university resources, and current student support for sustainability.

The student leaders of the on-campus community encourage the Division of Student Affairs to take the time to read through this document and consider the potential that this simple guide has to offer. As stated earlier, we believe that it is imperative that our university promotes changes that foster environmental, fiscal, and social responsibility.

For more information on the Residence Hall Association initiatives, please visit rha.tamu.edu

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