

# 2015 CIRP The Freshman Survey ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

## Student Sustainability Literacy Survey

This survey is being conducted by the Knox College Office of Sustainability to assess our students' sustainability knowledge, sustainable practices, attitudes about sustainability topics, and awareness about Knox's sustainability initiatives. Any feedback you provide will be kept confidential and only summarized results will be distributed.

We hope you will give all the questions your full consideration. Please answer each question to the best of your ability. **Please answer the following questions on the survey answer sheet.**

52. Please indicate which of the following statements best describes your level of interest in sustainability
- A. I have a passion for sustainability
  - B. I have considerable interest in sustainability
  - C. I am neither interested nor disinterested in sustainability (neutral)
  - D. I have little interest in sustainability
  - E. I have no interest in sustainability

53. How important is it to you that Knox is a leader in Sustainability?
- A. Very Important
  - B. Important
  - C. Neutral
  - D. Unimportant
  - E. Very Unimportant

Of the following sustainability programs implemented by Knox College, which programs that you already knew existed before taking this survey?

**Responses for 54 - 57:**

- A. I knew existed
- B. I did not know existed

- 54. Student fee of \$10 per semester per student to invest in sustainable campus improvements
- 55. 95% food waste composting in all Seymour dining venues
- 56. LEED performance standards for all new buildings
- 57. Special recycling bins in the mailroom for ink cartridges, batteries, light bulbs, electronics and more

Of the following, which did you know was an example of sustainable practices before taking this survey?

**Responses for 58 - 60:**

- A. I know is an example of sustainable practice
- B. I did not know is an example of sustainable practices

- 58. Powering down electrical devices when not using them for more than 15 minutes
- 59. Reporting building issues to Facilities Services for repair
- 60. Purchasing needed products from companies with high environmental and social standards

61. Do you recycle on a regular basis?
- A. Yes
  - B. No

62. If you do not recycle on a regular basis, please select the statement below that best describes why you do not recycle:
- A. I choose not to because I do not care to
  - B. I choose not to because I think there are negative consequences of recycling
  - C. I choose not to because I do not think recycling makes a positive difference
  - D. I do not know how to recycle properly
  - E. Recycling is inconvenient for me
63. What is meant by the term “carbon footprint”?
- A. The age of an item found at an archeological site
  - B. The carbon left on the ground each time you take a step
  - C. The size of the carbon chain in a given quantity of gasoline
  - D. The greenhouse gasses released by burning fossil fuels for electricity and transportation
64. What are the primary energy sources used to generate electrical power in Illinois?
- A. Coal and wind
  - B. Nuclear and Coal
  - C. Coal and hydroelectric
  - D. Nuclear and natural gas
65. Which of the following is a renewable resource?
- A. Oil
  - B. Coal
  - C. Trees
  - D. Iron ore
  - E. All of the above
66. What happens to waste disposed of in a landfill?
- A. It decomposes, or turns to dirt, in a few years
  - B. Some materials decompose right away, but plastics and metals remain intact for 100 years
  - C. It fossilizes, or turns to rock
  - D. Almost nothing decomposes, because light, water, and oxygen are blocked each day
67. What is the most sustainable order of resource use?
- A. Reuse, Recycle, Reduce
  - B. Recycle, Reduce, Reuse
  - C. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
  - D. Recycle, Reuse, Reduce
68. Where does sewage go when you flush the toilet, or use a shower or sink in Illinois?
- A. Straight to a river or ocean
  - B. To a permanent holding area underground
  - C. To temporary holding areas, where it is pumped to farm fields for irrigation and nutrients
  - D. To a plant that extracts the solid materials, treats the remaining liquid materials with chlorine, and releases the chlorinated water back to a river
69. The most effective way to reduce your personal carbon footprint is to:
- A. Fly less
  - B. Live closer to work or school
  - C. Reduce meat consumption and/or eat only animals that are grass-fed rather than grain-fed
  - D. All of the above

Thank you for completing Knox College’s Sustainability Literacy Assessment