

NODA

Statement on Sustainability

We, NODA, affirm our commitment to protect and enhance the environment and our surrounding communities through learning, service, education and administrative operations. We seek to collaborate with and assist our members concerning the creation of more sustainable orientation, retention and transition programs internationally. NODA will be a community that acts with a conscious mind towards social, economic, and environmental awareness and positive, intentional action whenever possible.

NODA Sustainability Suggestions and Practices - for NODA programs/events and campus institutions:

- Explore the incorporation of actions that promote a sustainable environment.
- Consider the social, economic and environmental impacts of policies and actions.
- Promote, educate and explore best practices in sustainability for NODA, members, and higher education institutions.
- Consider NODA's Sustainability Statement when making decisions regarding the association's actions.
- Work with Associate Members, suppliers, and customers to promote effective and meaningful environmental best practices including, but not limited to, purchasing and promoting renewable products, limiting paper and non-recyclable product purchases, and ensuring fair trade and human rights policy compliance.
- Minimize waste from conference and association activities including, but not limited to, limiting paper use, fully realizing the effectiveness of on-line resources and supporting venues which support the Statement on Sustainability of the National Orientation Directors Association.
- NODA updates and reports to member constituents on sustainability efforts.
- Research on-line alternatives for evaluations, surveys and other actions that require large amounts of paper to be used.
- Provide conference session handouts online before or after the conference.
- Meet with other campus offices to create an awareness of sustainability during your programs
- Teach about sustainable practices during orientation programs and welcome weeks.
- Make it known that sustainability is a concern that your office believes is a priority.
- Look for "green" give-aways for conferences and programs

For more resources on ways you can be sustainable, visit:

Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education <http://www.aashe.org/>
Environmental Protection Agency <http://www.epa.gov/sustainability/index.htm>
College President's Campus Climate Commitment <http://www.presidentsclimatecommitment.org/>
Keep America Beautiful <http://www.kab.org/site/PageServer?pagename=index>