

AZERBAIJAN STATE OIL AND
INDUSTRY UNIVERSITY



Student-led society policy



1. Mission of the policy

Azerbaijan State Oil and Industry University (ASOIU) recognizes the vital role of extracurricular activities in shaping well-rounded professionals. In this context, a student-led society is of paramount importance to encourage collaboration, nurture passions, promote community engagement, facilitate skill development, and create a sense of belonging. The aim is to use innovative and intellectual capabilities of student-led society at ASOIU in order to involve them to the university's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and increase ASOIU's sustainability issues. Student-led committee members are elected through elections. Students from all three levels of education - bachelor's, master's, doctoral are represented here.

2. Current Situation

The "Student Youth Organization" (SYO), which was established in 2005 comprises the ASOIU Model United Nations (MUN), Engineering, Conversation, Patriotism, Culture, and Innovation clubs. These clubs give young people lots of chances to practice critical abilities like writing, investigation, analysis, and representation. They also facilitate language learning and connect creative youth who are enthusiastic about companies and project execution.

The organization of "ASOIU Volunteers" which has been operating since 2015, has about 1,500 volunteer students. They actively participate in a wide range of events and actions, acting as an instrumental pillar of social and civic engagement within the university and also the larger community. The volunteers have been involved in the international events held in Azerbaijan, such as Eurovision Song Contest, Islamic Solidarity Games, Formula 1, Teknofest and others. Our students are also going to participate in COP 29 - an international conference organized by the United Nations that will take place from November 11 to 22, 2024 in Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan.

The Student Scientific Society of ASOIU is a public organization that includes students engaged in scientific research, projects, applied and creative activities, as well as professors and teachers leading their activities. It collaborates with other organizations to support the establishment and growth of ASOIU.

Startups and conducts purposeful work in the direction of improving students' scientific ideas. They also organize students' participation in various competitions and festivals.

Sustainability group: This group implements sustainability activities on campus. They conduct awareness campaigns to encourage responsible consumption, recycling, and the adoption of eco-friendly habits within the uni-

versity community. The group creates conditions for students interested in sustainability to interact, share ideas, and find support for their environmentally conscious initiatives through networking events and social gatherings.

Green Energy and Environmental Protection group: This group strives to make the university a leader in the field of green energy and sustainable development by using the university's existing relationships with international and local organizations. To support the decarbonization policy, the group members make suggestions for the establishment of new relations with energy companies by making practical contributions to sustainability initiatives on campus.

AzIIEduLab started its activities in 2022 within the Azerbaijan State Oil and Industry University. The project's main objective is to enrich students studying at our university with various training sessions and seminars. Besides professionals, some senior students also conduct trainings to students.

3. Implementation of the Policy:

- “Whole-institution approach”: meaning all parts of the university community, including external stakeholders, are involved in the efforts.
- Professional Growth: Regular workshops and seminars facilitated by experts in Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Implementing the Agenda: University researchers and students are participating hands-on in projects with their expertise, time and financial resources.
- Broader Engagement: Collaborative partnerships with non-governmental organizations (NGOs), governmental bodies, and private companies.
- Regular Feedback: An effective way to eliminate obstacles and find new opportunities

4. Resource Allocation

- The SDG Innovation Fund offers funding for student-driven initiatives that complement the Sustainable Development Goals.
 - Founding SDG Hubs: It organises skills training and learning sessions to facilitate learning and knowledge exchange on good practice in SDGs implementation.
 - European Commission Grant: Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme: The project, known as CAMPAIGNers ((Citizens Acting on Mitigation Pathways through Active Implementation of a Goalsetting Network) contributes the realization of ASOIU's Sustainability Goals. This grant significantly increases ASOIU's financial resources, enabling the university to
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undertake ambitious initiatives, particularly in the areas of renewable energy integration, energy efficiency, and capacity building.

- Offering a varied panel of mentors with expertise in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

5. Monitoring:

- Formation of an independent commission to carry out the annual impact assessment

- The implementation of constructive feedback system within organizations.

- The ASOIU Awards to honour noteworthy efforts made towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

6. Targets:

- Facilitate the organization and implementation of awareness campaigns across the campus for understanding of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Participation in research collaborations that span multiple disciplines and focus on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

- Increasing workshops and trainings led by students, with a focus on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

- Founding strategic partnerships with non-governmental organizations (NGOs), local enterprises, and other relevant companies to collectively seek sustainable development goals (SDGs).

- Implement actions in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to address specific issues in the community.

- Allocate financial resources exclusively for student initiatives and research aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

- Hold regular workshops, seminars or other events including subject matter specialists in Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for students.

Encourage the alliances with international universities and organizations to facilitate student exchange programs and cooperation to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

- Establish a platform to foster connections between student-led organizations and trainers from academic and corporate backgrounds, with a specific focus on providing advise related to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
